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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

ALBANIA TO BE THE NEW WAR THEATRE.

ITALY TO PLAY A LEADING PART.

Hungarian Demand for Peace Proposals.

THE CONSCRIPTION CONTROVERSY AT HOME.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

TIRED OF WAR. HUNGARIAN COUNCIL'S DECLARATION.

December 17, 7.40 p.m.
The Morning Post correspondent at Buda Pest, writing on the 7th inst., states that Count Karolyi, the Leader of the Independence Party, speaking in Parliament, demanded that the Government should make peace proposals. He declared that Hungary had achieved all she wanted, and if the Government were unable to comply with the wishes of the nation, it should resign. The transmission of the speech abroad was prohibited.

THE RECRUITING QUESTION.

BOTH SIDES VERY ACTIVE.

December 17, 8.55 p.m.
The eve of Mr. Asquith's speech on Lord Derby's recruiting campaign finds the supporters and opponents of compulsion most active.

A deputation of anti-Conscriptionist Members of Parliament waited on Mr. Asquith yesterday. It is understood that they urged the point that the returns were most satisfactory and argued that single men who had not yet been attested were not slackers, for there were doubtless good reasons preventing them. The deputation pleaded that they be given another chance. Mr. Asquith's reply is believed to have been non-committal.

The Daily News, in a huge heading, says two million men, including over a quarter of a million direct enlistments, are freely mentioned in political circles as the total secured by Lord Derby.

The Unionist papers are angry at the foregoing deputation, and declare that the anti-Conscriptionists are trying to steal a march on their opponents and are attempting to undermine Mr. Asquith's pledge to married men.

NEW WAR THEATRE.

ITALY TO PLAY PRINCIPAL PART.

December 17, 1.50 p.m.
The Italian Press states that the next Austro-Bulgarian objective will be Albania.

The Austrians propose to over-run Montenegro and advance to San Giovanni, joining the Bulgarians advancing by El Basan and Jirana. Hence Albania will shortly be the new theatre in the Balkan war, in which Italy is expected to play the principal part.

There are several hundred thousand Serbian women and children refugees in Albania without food, and the American Government has ordered the Ambassador in Rome to charter all steamers available and bring them to Italy.

There are three Serbian Armies totalling 150,000 men between Scutari, Durazzo and El Basan, and another 50,000 in Southern Albania.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

GERMAN BOMBARDMENT SILENCED.

December 17, 4.40 p.m.
A Paris communique states that an enemy bombardment of La Meuse, in Champagne, was silenced by French batteries. There was a lively reciprocal cannonade in Lorraine.

TO-DAYS LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

SIR JOHN FRENCH.

TRIBUTES BY THE PRESS.

December 17, 1.55 p.m.
The papers are unanimous in declaring that Field Marshal Sir John French is assured of the lasting gratitude of the nation. He will still be precious to the country and render most valuable assistance to Earl Kitchener.

The Times says our best soldier is needed in the great task of arranging our Home Defence and re-organising and preparing for service abroad the great masses of troops now scattered throughout the United Kingdom. It is impossible for Earl Kitchener to undertake such executive duties effectively, and if Sir John French is given the direct charge, then badly needed reforms will have been accomplished. Moreover, if, as we understand, a further strengthening of the Imperial General Staff is contemplated, then the changes will bring substantial advantages.

Sir Douglas Haig's brilliant leadership is also made the subject of tributes in the papers.

"LEGS OF STEEL"

In the French Press appear many appreciative notices of Sir John French and Sir Douglas Haig. It appears that the latter was known among the French soldiers as "Legs of Steel."

The Illustration says:—"With a man of push like Sir Douglas Haig at its head, the British Army will not sleep."

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

NEUTRAL ZONE BETWEEN BULGARIANS AND GREECE.

December 15, 4.30 p.m.
In the House of Commons Lord Robert Cecil announced that the Allies in Greece desired to regularise the military position in Salonica but denied that the Central Powers had control of the same. He believed this was in accordance with the wishes of Greece herself. The negotiations were being actively pursued and he hoped would be satisfactorily concluded.

December 16, 4.45 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that the Bulgarian official capture of Monastir and other places near the Greek frontier was made desirable so as to avoid Graeco-Bulgarian accidents. Consequently, Bulgaria proposed a neutral zone by Bulgarian and Greek troops retiring two kilometres on the frontier line. Greece agreed and ordered the Greeks to co-operate with the Bulgarian officers in the formation of a neutral zone.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

GERMAN AMMUNITION DEPOT DESTROYED.

December 16, 4.45 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris a report that the French batteries are smothering the German artillery is a feature of a communique. Another German ammunition depot was blown up between Oise and the Aisne.

December 17, 1.15 a.m.
According to a Paris communique cannonading and mining at various points of the front resulted in further considerable damage to the German defences.

MORE TRENCHES CAPTURED.

December 17, 12.30 a.m.
The British Headquarters reports that last night hostile trenches were entered near Arras. The occupants disposed of are estimated at 70 killed. Our losses were trifling. To-day there were mutual bombardments about Ypres. The report by German wireless on the 15th that we had lost four aeroplanes is untrue.

KING OF GREECE INDISPOSED.

December 16, 5.50 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens reports that the King, though still indisposed, received the Premier in his bedroom, and discussed the foreign situation, which is officially regarded as progressing normally.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

BULGARIANS CEASE PURSUIT.

December 16, 5.50 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam reports that a Bulgarian communique states:—"There has been a calm on the whole front. We have ceased the pursuit, and captured altogether 1,234 prisoners and 14 guns. From to-day, it is added, 'communications will only be published if there are important operations.'"

December 17, 1.15 a.m.
A Paris communique states that all is quiet in Macedonia. Turkish artillery activity in the Dardanelles has lessened.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

FLYING CORPS CASUALTIES.

STATEMENT IN THE COMMONS.

December 17, 5.50 p.m.
In the House of Commons the Rt. Hon. H. J. Tennant stated that the total flying corps casualties for the three months ending August 31 were: fourteen killed, twenty-one wounded, and eighteen prisoners. The totals for the three months ending November 30 were eleven killed, twenty-one wounded, and sixteen prisoners. There were also ten missing. He did not know of any promise that Mr. Churchill was to have command of a brigade. The War Office, he said, had an efficient range-finder for Zeppelins.

FOOD FOR GERMANY.

BY PARCEL POST FROM AMERICA.

December 16, 5.50 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil stated that considerable quantities of food were being sent to Germany by parcel post from America. Steps were being taken to deal with the matter effectively.

LAW OFFICERS' EMOLUMENTS.

SUGGESTED REDUCTION.

In the House of Commons Mr. F. E. Smith (Attorney General) stated that the law officers had suggested a reduction of their emoluments by five thousand each yearly.

THE FIGHTING IN PERSIA.

HEAVY TURKISH LOSSES.

December 16, 10.25 p.m.
General Townshend telegraphs that according to the Arab reports the Turks lost 2000 men in the attack on Kutelamara on the 12th. General Townshend cannot confirm this, but estimates that they lost fully a thousand. The attacks have not been renewed since.

NEW ISSUE OF EXCHEQUER BONDS.

AN INTERESTING FEATURE.

December 16, 11.45 p.m.
The prospectus has been published of the issue of five per cent. Exchequer bonds at 100, repayable at par in 1920. They will be accepted at face value as cash for subscription for future loans. An interesting feature is that where they belong to a person domiciled abroad the bonds are exempt from income or any other British taxes.

THE ITALIANS.

INTENSE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

December 17, 1.15 a.m.
A Rome communique announces that the enemy continued intense artillery activity, especially with long range guns. Our artillery replied and bombarded Goritz.

THE FRENCH LOAN.

UNPRECEDENTED RESPONSE.

December 17, 2.20 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that the Chamber unanimously agreed to the vote on account of the first six months of 1916. M. Ribot, Minister of Finance, in winding up the debate, said that they were as yet unable to give the results of the loan just subscribed, but the response of the country was unprecedented. This was a loan from French thrift and was in no way speculative. The foreign subscription included two and a half millions sterling from Great Britain. M. Ribot added that the subscriptions from Great Britain amounted to twenty-five millions.

ABYSSINIA AND THE WAR.

SUGGESTED CO-OPERATION.

December 17, 2.20 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that a motion has been submitted by the foreign Affairs Committee to the Chamber asking the Government to institute, in concert with the Allies, an immediate enquiry with a view to obtaining Military co-operation of Abyssinia in the war.

AUSTRIA AND U.S.A.

COMMENTS AT WASHINGTON RESERVED.

December 17, 1.30 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that President Wilson and Secretary Lansing reserve comment on the Austrian reply pending the receipt of the official text, but it is stated authoritatively that the United States decline to enter upon the suggested exchange of views or to discuss the facts. The general opinion is that the relations of the United States and Austria is at breaking point. It is stated that Count Bernstorff has suggested to Berlin that the appointment of successors to Boyd and Popen is undesirable at present as he is anxious to avoid further difficulties.

TELEGRAMS

SIR JOHN JORDAN.

AN UNFOUNDED RUMOUR.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]
London, December, 18. Received 11. In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil stated that the press report that Sir John Jordan was raising was absolutely unfounded.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

The Law Officers have suggested a reduction of their emoluments by £5,000 each yearly.

The foreign subscriptions to the French Loan include £2,500,000 from Great Britain.

The French have blown up another German ammunition depot between the Oise and the Aisne.

Mr. Tennant says he has no knowledge of a promise that Mr. Churchill shall command a Brigade.

The British have entered the German trenches near Arras and disposed of the occupants.

A Bulgarian communique states that the Bulgarians have provisionally ceased the pursuit of the enemy.

Greece has agreed to the Bulgarian proposal for the establishment of a neutral zone near the Greek frontier.

The London newspapers warmly tribute to Field Marshal Sir John French and to General Sir Douglas Haig.

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South China Morning Post.

The Old Leader and the New.

The voluntary retirement of Field-Marshal French will be received with general regret everywhere throughout the British Empire but without any feelings of dismay. The Empire will repose the same trust in his successor that it offered to him, and with equal reason. Why Field-Marshal French has relinquished his post has still to be discovered. For some seventeen months he has faced a tremendous task that might well have worn out a much younger man, and there can be little doubt that he is feeling the strain. To him and to his troops during the past year have fallen many victories, and his tenacity and coolness and genius were the chief sources of these victories.

Daily Press.

Value of Organisation.

Never has the value of organisation, both from the positive and negative sides, been more fully demonstrated than in the present war. To organisation is due whatever measure of success has attended German arms, and to lack of organisation is attributable the chief difficulties of the Allies. Germany has for years been organising her country on a military basis, and so perfect was the organisation that the military machine, once set in motion, worked with marvellous smoothness, though it did not succeed in accomplishing what it set out to do. Nevertheless, it would be showing wilful blindness to refuse to the Germans credit for what they have accomplished. At the beginning of the war there was a tendency to deride the morale of the German troops, in the face of repeated testimony from the front as to the bravery of the enemy, and even now an attempt to give the Germans credit for courage does not meet with the approval of the censor.

China Mail.

Field Marshal Sir John French.

The announcement of the resignation of the gallant and able commander of our Forces in France and Flanders, Field Marshal Sir John French, K.C.B., probably came to most people as a complete surprise. We had become so accustomed to associating the name of Sir John French with the command of the British military movements in France and Flanders that probably we all concluded that he would be associated with them until that very desirable time arrives when the detested modern Hun will be completely vanquished in that part of the world. Such, however, is not to be the case. The resignation, it is pointed out, is at Sir John French's own instance. It is not stated that Sir John resigns on account of health or for any other reason, and therefore think that such comment is regrettable, simply because it is likely to give rise to speculations as erroneous as they are somewhat undesirable at the present time.

Christianity in Japan.

At the monthly general meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, held on November 2 the Bishop in Tokyo, Shimada, said that although in Japan there were only 128,000 Christians, counting all bodies, yet the whole nation was capable of acting according to Christian ideas, and their loyalty to the allied with them was a powerful force working for righteousness. The "S.P.K." might well be called the mother of the Christian churches there.

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A Gift From Russia.
Russia has granted a subsidy of 100,000fr. to the hospital conducted at Marseilles by Russian women for French soldiers.

For Good Service at Singapore.
An Indian distinguished service medal is conferred upon Havildar Nand Singh, 35th Sikhs, for good service at Singapore last February.

New Iron Mine at Wuhu.
The new iron mine at Wuhu is going to be worked under Sino-Japanese joint management.

According to reports of the investigators, it is not extensive in the seam, but good in quality. The work is to be started at an outlay of Y2,000,000. The mine is near the Yangtze and has facilities for transportation.

Railway Extension in China.

At the request of the merchants at Chinkiang and Yangchow, the Chinese Ministry of Communications has granted permission to extend the proposed Pukow-Hsinyangchow Railway from Kweichow, opposite Chinkiang, to Hsinyangchow instead of Pukow. It estimates that the expenses for the construction will cost \$1,500,000.

Colombo Paying the Piper.

The report of the special committee of the Colombo Municipal Council appointed to prepare a scheme for the liquidation of the charge upon the Municipal revenues for providing compensation for the damage caused in the last riots has been published. Briefly, the committee decide on a head tax of Rs. 5 to be imposed on all persons liable to the labour tax, with certain exemptions, and a rate of two per cent. on the annual value on all houses and buildings and lands.

Chinese Mining Police.

The Ministry of the Interior submits a memorial to the President observing that large communities often grow up around rich mines and in recent years several mining towns have sprung up. As the mining population grows, the mining companies find it necessary to organize police forces. As the population grows larger and larger, the magistrates find it necessary to assume police control. Thus conflicts often occur between the mining companies and the magistrates over police affairs. The Ministry now draws up regulations in order to prevent conflicts in the future.

The Sinkiang Budget.

Governor Yang of the New Dominion reports to the Government that he is not able to observe strictly the Budget before the latter half of this year, as the expenses have greatly increased. The Ministry of Finance does not approve this course of action and reports this matter to the President. In a receipt the President orders the Sinkiang authorities to adhere to the Budget provisions and observes that they should make adjustments by reducing expenditures in some quarters in order to meet increased requirements. The fiscal year is drawing to its close and the President would not permit the violation of the Budget.

Reform of Salt Tax in China.

The reform of the salt tax has lately received much attention from the Government, for receipts from that source form a large portion of the Government revenue. The annual consumption of salt in the country has been calculated at more than 35,000,000 piculs. But the rate of the salt tax varies in different localities. Taking the rate of the salt tax as \$3.00 per picul, the receipts from the amount of salt consumed will be over \$105,000,000 annually. In order to increase the salt receipts and at the same time to unify the rate of the salt tax, Mr. Chow Heng-shih, the Inspector General, and Mr. Kun Hsin-cham, the Director, of the Salt Gabelle have decided that all the rates of the salt tax in localities below \$3.00 per picul should be increased to three dollars, whilst those in which the rates are above \$3.00 per picul should remain unchanged for the time being.

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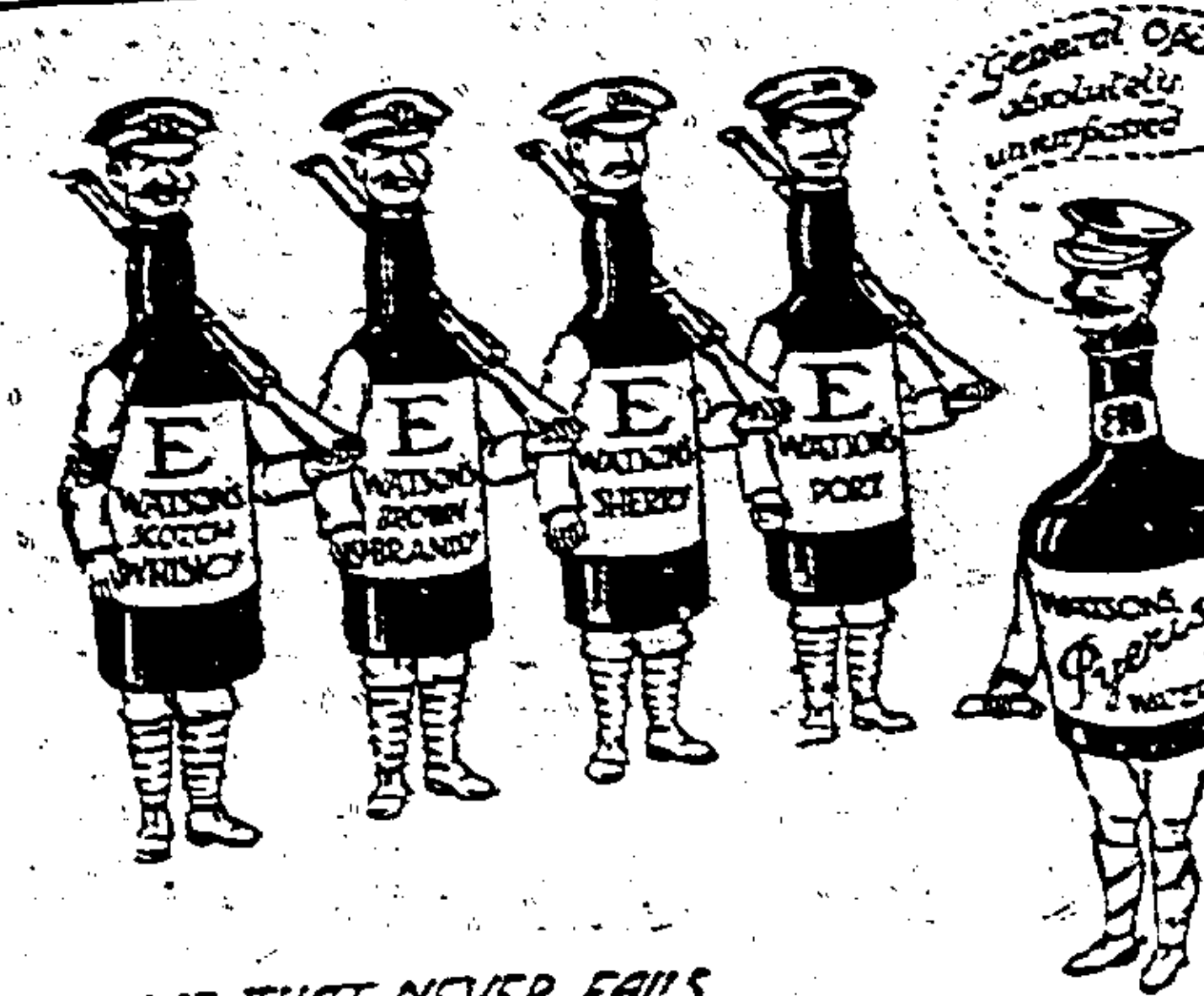
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DEATHS.
EDE—November 15, at "Oakhurst," Netley Abbey, Hants, Nathaniel Joseph Ede, formerly of Hongkong, in his 80th year.
HALL—November 14, at Tongway, J. W. T. Hall, son of late Capt. S. P. Hall, of Hongkong.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1915.

OUR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The questions which the Hon. Mr. Pollock proposes to put at the next meeting of the Legislative Council are interestingly suggestive, and we shall look forward with a lively curiosity to their reception by that highly esteemed body. Our faith in Hongkong's power of waxing enthusiastic is not sufficiently great to encourage us to believe that what is popularly termed "a sensation" will be raised by the Hon. gentleman's queries; nothing short of an earthquake or a bombardment could create that in our beloved Colony; but we are at least hopeful that other Unofficial Members will be prepared to support a colleague who has the temerity to beard the Official Members in their own Council Chamber. Mr. Pollock, in a word, is venturing to offer the unheard-of suggestion that the term "Unofficial Member" shall henceforth have some other meaning than "Government nominee", which is as much as to say that he feels, as many more of us do, that it is time to put an end to our present farcical system of local Government.

Hongkong is a Crown Colony, as we are continually reminded; therefore the ratepayer can hardly look to have the same voice in public affairs that would fall to his share at Home. But the fact of its being a Crown Colony is hardly sufficient reason for the ratepayer's having absolutely no voice at all. We are, and have ever been, fully alive to the fact that, in a place of Hongkong's unquenchable naval and military importance, it is necessary that the Government officials should have a prior right of deciding what shall be done in all things relating to it in its naval and military bearings. But is it not possible to regard the Colony as also having a separate civil and commercial existence? For an Unofficial Member of the Council to offer his opinion on the subject of, e.g. the fortifications would be an unpardonable intrusion; but, for the same gentleman to express himself forcibly and effectually on, let us say, Public Works is quite a different matter. He has a greater right to be heard on this point, and to have his suggestions (if they are workable) acted upon than has, for instance, the G. O. C. or the Attorney General, either of whom may not possess even the beginnings of an insight into the matter under discussion.

So with financial questions. It happens that the present Colonial Treasurer is a very able man who has won the public's confidence; but we have no guarantee that his successor will not be out of the same cloth as some of his predecessors. In that event, is a shrewd business man, of the type of the late Mr. Hewett, to be gently "put down" by the Colonial Treasurer when he makes bold to discuss financial measures? And, while speaking of Mr. Hewett we would remind our readers that one of that gentleman's last utterances in the Legislative Council was as follows:—"The ratepayers of Hongkong are entitled to have a pro-bona-fide balance sheet put before them; the present document shows per Balance Sheet put before them; the present document shows an entirely fictitious credit balance—a balance that does not exist." Readers will recall the incident; we mention it now as an illustration of what an Unofficial Member is at times called upon to say, even under the best of circumstances, if he means to speak his mind honestly. The speaker in this case was a man trained in the ways of business, and with such a man, our Civil Servants cannot be compared. What we need is a body of men in the Legislative Council who will keep the members of the Civil Service up to their work and will see that the Colonial Office is kept acquainted with the local conditions. There is plenty of room for useful, conscientious workers in the Legislative Council, and the Government Service generally. We have no heart to hope that Mr. Pollock's first assault will take effect, but if he is prepared to make others, and if his fellow citizens are bold enough to join with him in these, the united effort made, in course of time, succeed.

A Peking Brain-wave.

If one were to take the pains to collect all the absurdly funny recommendations and orders which are issued by Government Departments in Peking, by the end of a twelve-month one's budget of these notifications would assume very considerable dimensions. In China there appear to be quite an army of officials with nothing better to do than to sit down and pen most extraordinarily-conceived notifications, which have no practical value whatever. The Ministry of Education is responsible for one of the latest efforts of this kind. The wearing of college caps by students is a custom which has long been in vogue in the West, and, for that matter, in European settlements out East also. But Peking is going one better than that, for we read that the Ministry named has notified the school authorities that, boys in the primary schools, high schools and colleges are in future to wear uniforms! As to the why and therefore of the order, it is explained that the step is being taken "so as to distinguish students from non-students." Who is expected to pay for these "uniforms" and of what particular design they are to be, nobody seems to know.

The Humour of It.

The alarmist might see in this new order the beginning of some wily and sinister move to train the millions of China's rising generation along military lines, while the individual blessed with a vivid imagination would probably quote it in support of "Yellow Peril" theories. For ourselves, we can only look upon the matter as a rich bit of humour, and pitying marvel that such a crude idea should emanate from a responsible Ministerial Department. We had almost come to the conclusion that we had a monopoly of education faddists in Hongkong. But after this, we shall be prepared to yield the palm to Peking. If China's legislators would but make the smallest attempt in the direction of formulating some scheme for spreading sound education throughout the land, they would be doing their nation a service. But Nero still saddles while Rome burns. The only development now needed to complete the situation is the despatch from Peking to the far-distant Provinces of an army of paid officials to see that the order is carried out; and to impeach those who fail to obey the instruction.

The Search for Truth.

Mention of this communally-practised custom of deputing Chinese officials to visit out-lying Provinces on the merest pretext serves to call to notice another little out-thing of this kind which on this occasion is advocated by the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce. He recommends that a number of delegates be sent round to investigate, among other things (1) the localities of the existing richest mines and (2) to ascertain the reason of the suspension of mining operations in various places. Why it should require the despatch of a special mission to glean a few simple facts of that kind only a Chinese politician could say. We like the supreme innocence which is betrayed in the second recommendation. If the authorities really want to know the reason of mining inactivity in China, they can have it in one word—"Squeeze." But for that potent force, China to-day would be the biggest mineral-producing country in the world. As it is, she is withholding from the world that which the world has a right to expect she should contribute towards human happiness and progress. There is assuredly no need to send deputations about the country searching for the reason—it is there for all to see. And we may depend that the Chinese, like everybody else, see it clearly enough already.

For Services at Tsingtau.

His Majesty has granted to Captain the Hon. H. G. Brand, R.N., authority to wear the Insignia of the Second Class of the Order of the Rising Sun, conferred on him by the Emperor of Japan in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the operations at Tsingtau.

DAY BY DAY.

THE LAW IS GOOD IF A MAN USE IT LAWFULLY.—1 Timothy, 1, 8.

The Weather.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 48; fine.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 59; fine.

The Mails.
Siberian Mail.—Due tomorrow per s.s. Shantung.
Australian Mail.—Due on Monday per s.s. Salamis.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 140 15/16.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the Name Day of the Tsar of Russia.

Order-in-Council.
The Gazette publishes the text of the China (Companies) Order-in-Council, 1915.

Organ Recital.
Mr. Denman Fuller is giving an organ recital at St. John's Cathedral at 5.30 p.m. on Monday.

Struck Off.
It is notified that the name of the Che Cheong Company, Ltd., has been struck off the Register.

Creditors' Meeting.
A meeting of creditors in connection with the Hongkong and South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd., is to be held at noon on Monday.

To-morrow's Bazaar.
To-morrow afternoon the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding a bazaar in the compound of the Roman Catholic Cathedral. For the Convenience of Shoppers.
Messrs. Wm. Powell, Ltd., are keeping their store open until 6 p.m. every night next week, for the convenience of Christmas shoppers.

Auditor.
The name of Mr. George F. Lindsay, Shanghai, has been added to the list of those qualified to perform the duties of auditor under the Companies Ordinances.

"Shen Dividend."
Messrs. Wright and Hornby are advised by cable from London that the Shell Transport and Trading Company has declared an interim dividend of 2/- per share.

Charge Withdrawn.
To-day, in the Police Court, the charge of fraudulent conversion preferred against Valentine Charles Parr, managing director of Messrs. Parr and Co., Ltd., was unreservedly withdrawn, and defendant was discharged.

Company Meetings.
Extraordinary general meetings of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., and of the China Traders Insurance Co., Ltd., are to be held on Monday—the former at 11 a.m. and the latter at 11.15 a.m.

Honoured by Japan.
The King has been pleased to give and grant unto Major (temporary Lieut.-Col.) Claude Douglas Hamilton Moore, D.S.O., His Majesty's Royal Licence and Authority to wear the Insignia of the Fifth Class of the Order of the Rising Sun, which declaration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan in recognition of valuable services rendered by him in connection with the operations at Tsingtau.

Capt. Nugent, R.N.
Few officers are better known on the China Station than Captain Raymond A. Nugent, R.N., who has just been reported wounded. Captain Nugent, who is a son of the late Major-General Nugent, Portaferry, Co. Down, served as first officer of H.M.S. Bonaventure during the Boxer rebellion, 1890, and served another commission on the same Station. Prior to the war he was flag captain on the East Indies Station.

Promoted.
Brigadier-General W. S. Delamain, C.B., D.S.O., Indian Army, who is promoted to major-general for distinguished service in the field, entered the service from Sandhurst 24 years ago, and before joining the Indian Forces was for four years in the Royal Berkshire Regiment. He has filled several appointments on the staff, and in addition to the present war took part in the Egyptian, Boer, and Somali campaigns, and the North-West Frontier of India campaign of 1902.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

America and the Enemy.

The American Government finds the Austrian reply to Dr. Wilson's Note "evasive." We hardly know what else it could have expected when we bear in mind the ludicrous history of the various Notes to one Power and another—with special reference to Germany. Washington has not gone the right way to work to be taken seriously. This is a war of shells and facts; not of bluff and idle threats without an ounce of backing to them. One is at least glad to see that, in this case, President Wilson and Mr. Lansing have so far declined to be dragged into a profligate parley, and we hope their good resolutions will endure. In the meantime we remind that Count von Bernstorff has intimated to his Government that "Captains Boyed and von Papen had better not be replaced at present. Not a bad idea, that. The fact is that the bulk of the American people are heartily sick of the Kaiser and all his friends—and, we should say, not far less sick of a Government that has pandered to those gentlemen and has made the country look ridiculous. Nobody wants America to come actively into the war, but severance of diplomatic relations on her part with Austria and Germany would at least have the good effect of breaking up the worst of the plotting that is continually taking place within her territory, for it would enable her to intern a few millions of these pestiferous aliens. Their keep, as one American journalist has astutely pointed out, would at least cost the State less than the fires and explosions which are becoming of almost daily occurrence.

In the West.

The Dutch rumour-spreaders had no sooner set the irascible of Egypt story going, than they switched off in the reverse direction and discovered that Germany meditates an enormous move in the West. We hope it may be true, for it is time something happened there. For months past, the Allies have been praying that the enemy would come out and fight instead of skulking like rats in holes. Like the Egyptian story, the newest report would seem to contain at least some element of truth, judging from the guarded remarks of *Le Temps*. It is clear enough that as long as the Germans can avoid a stand-up fight they will do so. Nevertheless, in the nature of things, that fight is bound to come before long, for in time it must occur, even to their dull intelligence, that to a very great extent they are helping the Allies rather than hindering them by their putting off of the evil day. After a while the Germans must necessarily discover that, as our men can fight better than their own, so too they can, with the amount of solid cash backing that there is behind them, play a waiting game very much better and very much longer.

More Enemy Discontent.

It now transpires that, some-where about a fortnight ago, Count Karolyi, the leader of the independence party in Hungary, spoke his mind very plainly in the Budapest parliament—demanding that the Austrian Government should make peace proposals since "Hungary had achieved all she wanted." We should have thought that Hungary had achieved a considerable sight more than the people thereof wanted; but that is their affair. The fact is interesting as showing that the little breeze the other day between Austrians and Hungarians was not an isolated case. When all is over, credit will at least have to be given to the Germans—or to whatever people are responsible for that they have contrived to keep the ball rolling to some extent despite discontent and disunion on every hand. But we shall doubtless prove before long that there is a limit to the amount of that sort of thing that any coalition, no matter how powerful, can stand.

1890.

HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the week ending December 18, 1890.)

The Dollar.
December 18.—The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 3/5 1/4.

The Piracy Affair.

December 11. To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."—Dear Sir,—After reading the report in your "Extra" of the dastardly acts of pirates on board the Namco, while on high seas between this port and Swatow yesterday, and gathering thereby an idea of the skillful and complete arrangements made by the villains who carried out their deadly intentions with such complete success; bearing in mind, too, that said affair, of a similar nature, that occurred on board the Greyhound in October 1885, and doubtless many others also, have come to the conclusion that some thorough preventive measures are an absolute necessity. As in the Greyhound affair, so in the case of the Namco, the dastardly ruffians all went on board the steamer, in this colony, as passengers, carrying with them their deadly weapons either in their baggage or concealed on their person. Now it is clear that the danger to which the travelling public and seafaring people are exposed, when sailing out of Hongkong, can only be removed by striking at the very root of the evil, which lies in the fact that there are not sufficient means at the Government's disposal to prevent passengers from going on board vessels with arms and ammunition. In the ports of China and Japan this can be, and is, prevented by the Customs officers, but nothing of the kind is done here. Even after the shocking revolutions in connection with the Greyhound piracy no steps were taken to prevent a repetition of these terrible atrocities. I maintain, and with reason, that a preventive service should be inaugurated here, and no ship be allowed to sail from the waters of the colony until every passenger and all the passengers' baggage has been thoroughly searched and the whole ship carefully inspected, not only by the regular preventive officers, but also by special detectives. Had this been done years ago neither the Greyhound nor the Namco affairs would have cropped up to cast an indelible blot upon our shipping regulations and police system generally. Thanking you in anticipation for favouring me with space in your columns for the publication of these suggestions, made in the interests of the travelling public and those who "go down to the sea in ships," Yours, encl., Observer.

Another Ear Ring Snatcher.

December 12.—"Nine months hard, and 25 across the beach," were the words which sent a cold shiver through an ear-ring snatcher at the Police Court this morning when Mr. Wodehouse sat in judgement. The spoil was only worth \$9 just half what it will cost for a cool and quickly healing salve.

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LANGKAT OUTPUT.

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		Tons	1890
Dec.	1	152	
	2	150	
	3	153	
	4	151	
	5	150	
	6	138	
	7	146	
	8	149	
	9	147	
	10	146	
	11	154	
	12	152	
	13	151	
	14	163	
	15	143	
	16	143	
	17	146	

Total to 17th inst. 2,529

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(From Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, December 18.

The offices of the *Asiatic Daily News*, which, on September 13, were bombed, underwent a similar experience on Friday night. There were no casualties.

It is supposed that a bomb dropped from the roof fell on to the verandah of the editor's office, but the room was occupied at the time. Windows in the building were shattered.

Anti-Yuan agitators are suspected, the paper having celebrated President Yuan's decision to assume the Throne.

YANGTSE WHARF AND GODOWN CO.

Enemy Trading Case Dealt With.

There were two summonses against the Yangtze Wharf and Godown Co. last week in respect of offences committed at 16 Kinkiang Road and at Pootung, against Regulation 8, subsection 2, of the Trading with the Enemy Regulations, 1915, says the *North China Daily News*.

Mr. A. P. Blunt, British vice-consul, said that on December 9 he received a search warrant from that Court in pursuance of which he went to 16, Kinkiang Road, the premises of Messrs. Carl Lewis and Co., who, he understood from the register, were the agents for the defendant company. Witness presented the warrant to the person in charge of the office, a Mr. Laurens, who did not deny that he was the manager; he asked to be allowed to see the documents, but Mr. Laurens refused either to hand them over or allow them to be inspected.

Mr. King:—Did he give any reason?—He mentioned that we were on German territory and I pointed out that the premises were equally those of a British Company.

He was a German subject presumably. Mr. King said that it seemed to be a clear case under the King's Regulations. The search warrant was applied for in a proper manner and was granted by the Court. It was taken out by the proper officer and executed. The company was a British registered and had refused to produce its books when called upon. He therefore fined them £20 and a further £50 for the costs of the prosecution. Obviously, being a company, there could be no question of a sentence of imprisonment.

The second summons was of a similar nature in respect of an offence committed at Pootung.

Mr. Byrne said that on December 9, armed with a search warrant, he went to the premises of the Yangtze Wharf and Godown Co. at Pootung. He inquired of a gentleman with an angry German face if they were

the offices of the defendant company and he replied that they were. Witness went towards the office, but he and his companions were met at the foot of the outside steps by two persons presumably of German nationality. One of them told him that the company had ceased to be British. Witness explained the object of his coming and preferred his warrant, but one of the two Germans said that he could not enter the office. Notwithstanding this, witness went upstairs and, despite the fact that some opposition was made to them, effected an entry. They made a partial search of the office but found that it had been stripped of, he would say, practically all the books that would be ordinarily there. There were two safes in the office and a wooden box bound with iron and locked. He asked for them to be opened but was told that the keys were in Shanghai. He was consequently unable to inspect the contents of the safe and box.

In passing a sentence similar to that in the first case, the magistrate remarked that the men had said that the keys were in Shanghai. If they wanted him to believe that statement they should have come to Court. He could only believe that the statement was not true, they did not have safes in Pootung and the keys in Shanghai.

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PUBLIC COMPANIES

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

Notice is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, will be held at the Head Office of the Society, No. 2 Queen's Buildings, 100 House Street, Victoria, on Monday the 20th day of December, 1915, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon when the following Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Society held on the 4th day of December 1915 will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

1.—That the Capital of the Society be increased to \$4,000,000 (Four million Dollars) by the creation of 3,600 (Three Thousand and six hundred) additional ordinary shares of \$250 (Two hundred and fifty Dollars) each, whereof \$100 (One hundred Dollars) shall be credited as paid up ranking for dividend and in all other respects par passu with the existing ordinary shares of the Society; and that the said additional shares, so far as shall be necessary for the purpose, be issued to those Shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Company, Limited, who have accepted or shall accept the Society's offer made to them on the 4th day of August, 1915—such issue being in accordance with the terms of a contract or memorandum in writing made or to be made pursuant to the said offer and to be filed with the Registrar of Companies; and that the balance (if any) of the said additional shares be disposed of by the Society's Board of Directors in such manner as such Board shall think most beneficial to the Society.

2.—That Article No. 9 of the Society's Articles of Association which now reads:— "The Society shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the shares of any shareholder for all monies due to the Society either from him alone or jointly with any other person, and where a share is held by more persons than one the Society shall have a lien thereon in respect of all monies so due to it from all or any of the holders thereof," be eliminated in its entirety and that in lieu thereof the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 9:—

9.—The Society shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the shares registered in the name of each shareholder (whether solely or jointly with others) and upon the proceeds of sale thereof, for his debts liabilities and engagements, and solely or jointly with any other person, to or with the Society, whether the period for the payment, fulfillment or discharge thereof shall have actually arrived or not, and no equitable interest in any share shall be created (except upon the footing and condition that Clause 33a hereof is to have full effect. And such lien shall extend to all dividends from time to time declared in respect of such share."

3.—That after Article No. 34 of the Society's Articles of Association the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 34a:—

34a.—Save as herein otherwise provided the Society shall be entitled to treat the registered holder of any share as the absolute owner thereof, and accordingly shall not, except as ordered by a Court of competent jurisdiction, or as by Ordinance required, be bound to recognise any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share on the part of any other person, firm, Company or Corporation."

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CHINA TRADERS INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the China Traders Insurance Company, Limited will be held at the Head Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Buildings, 100 House Street, Victoria, on Monday the 20th day of December 1915 at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon when the following Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company held on the 4th day of December 1915 will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

1.—That Article No. 9 of the Company's Articles of Association which now reads:— "The Company shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the shares of any shareholder for all monies due to the Company either from him alone or jointly with any other person, and where a share is held by more persons than one the Company shall have a lien thereon in respect of all monies so due to it from all or any of the holders thereof," be eliminated in its entirety, and that in lieu thereof the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 9:—

9.—The Company shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the shares registered in the name of each shareholder (whether solely or jointly with others) and upon the proceeds of sale thereof, for his debts liabilities and engagements, and solely or jointly with any other person, to or with the Company, whether the period for the payment, fulfillment or discharge thereof shall have actually arrived or not, and no equitable interest in any share shall be created (except upon the footing and condition that Clause 33a hereof is to have full effect. And such lien shall extend to all dividends from time to time declared in respect of such share."

2.—That after Article No. 33 of the Company's Articles of Association the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 33a:—

33a.—Save as herein otherwise provided the Company shall be entitled to treat the registered holder of any share as the absolute owner thereof, and accordingly shall not, except as ordered by a Court of competent jurisdiction, or as by Ordinance required, be bound to recognise any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share on the part of any other person, firm, Company or Corporation."

3.—That the heading of Articles Nos. 34 to 39 (inclusive) of the Company's Articles of Association reading:— "the Secretary" be altered, so as to read "the General Manager," and that in the last mentioned Articles (Nos. 34 to 39 inclusive) wherever the word "Secretary" appears such word be eliminated and that in lieu thereof, the words "General Manager" be inserted."

4.—That in the following Articles of the Company's Articles of Association, viz:— Articles Nos. 2, 7, 24, 35, 44, 45, 52, 54, 83, 102, and 123 the word "Secretary" wherever it occurs be eliminated and that in lieu thereof the words "General Manager" be inserted. Dated this 4th day of December 1915.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE
Secretary.

5.—That in the following Articles Nos. 2, 7, 25, 36, 45, 47, 53, 55, 84, 94, 103, and 123 the word "Secretary" wherever it occurs be eliminated and that in lieu thereof the words "General Manager" be inserted. Dated this 4th day of December 1915.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE
Secretary.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY, the 1st December, 1915 commencing at 11 a.m.

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The M.S. Kangaroo.
The new motor ship Kangaroo,
built at Glasgow, and fitted with
Steam oil engines, having been
taken over by the Western Aus-
tralian Government, ran trials on
the Clyde on October 22. The
vessel is 381ft. in length over all,
with a moulded breadth of 58ft.,
and a gross tonnage of about
4,500.

U. S. Transport Forced

Back by Storm.

San Francisco, December 7.—
The army transport Sherman,
which left for the Philippines,
via Honolulu and Guam, yester-
day, has been forced to return to
port on account of a storming
off the coast. The Sherman
will sail as soon as the weather
moderates. —Herald Bulletin.

Port of London.

In the matter of rapid construc-
tion of new buildings during the
time, the engineering department
of the Port of London Authority
has recently provided a somewhat
striking example by erecting at
Tilbury, in the short space of
forty-five days, for the use of the
Government, a large shed based on
pile foundations with brick fire-
resisting walls and leading platform,
besides extensive railway sidings
alongside. The shed, which is
an acre in extent, is capable of
accommodating from 12,000 to
14,000 tons of goods.

C. P. R. Projects.

Information is to hand that the
Canadian Pacific Railway will
establish a fortnightly service be-
tween the Far East and America,
says shipping and engineering.
This has been made possible by
the release from the service of the
British Government of the C.P.R.
R. vessels Empress of Asia and
Empress of Russia. The Empress
of China and Montserrat were re-
leased from service recently and
these four vessels will maintain
the proposed service. It is im-
possible at present to state the
dates of sailing. These will be
announced later.

Asiatics on British Ships.

Following upon a long protest
against the employment of Asiatic
seamen on board British ships to
the exclusion of British crews, a
deputation of transport workers,
after a lengthy interview with the
President of the Board of Trade,
has received a reply to the effect
that the whole question has been
referred to Sir George Aikman
for consideration. The deputation
has accordingly waited upon Sir
George Aikman and put before
him evidence against the employ-
ment of Asiatic labour in the
maritime services of the country.

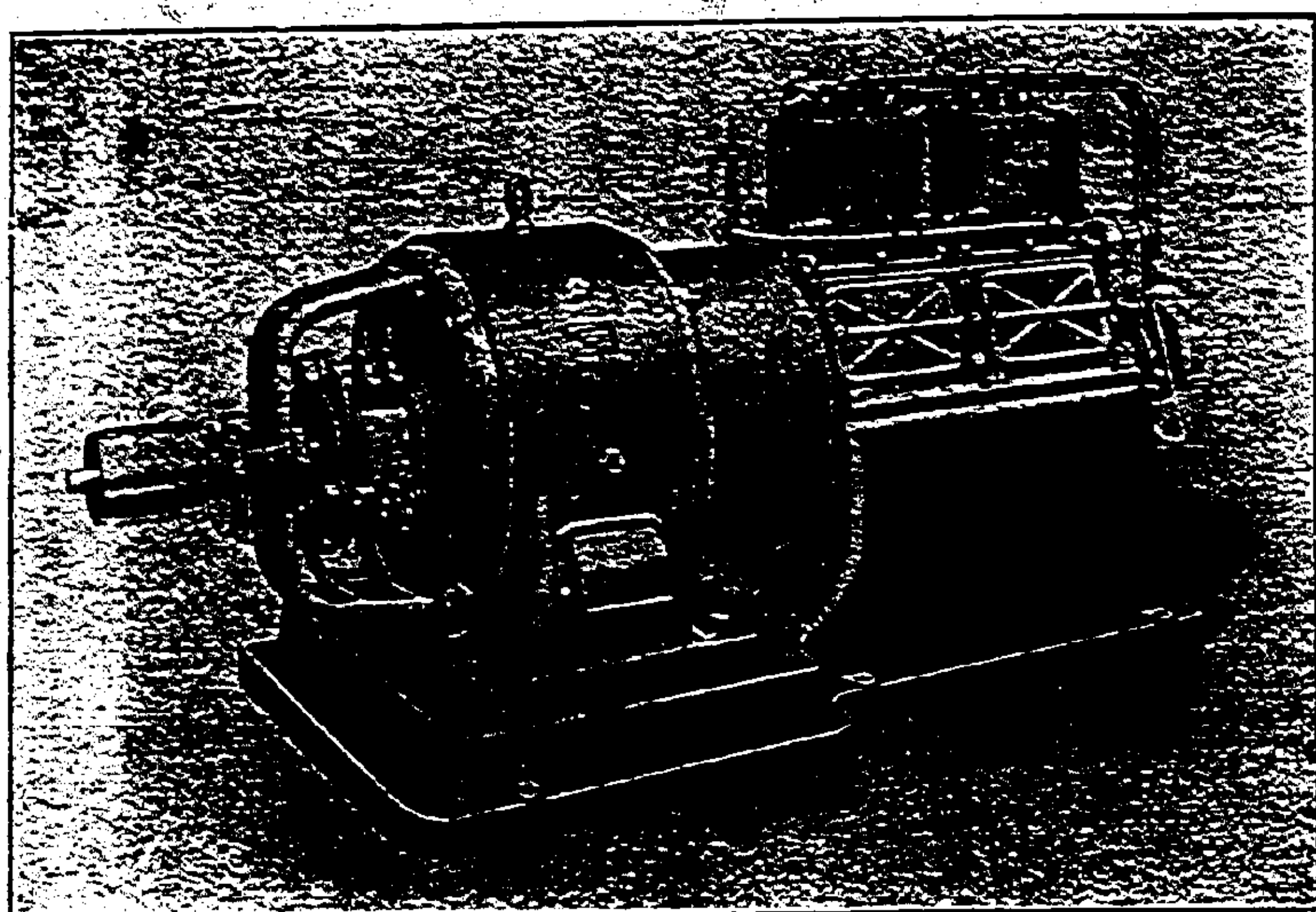
Scandinavian Shipbuilding.

Negotiations are stated to be
proceeding between Messrs. Bur-
meister and Wain, of Copenhagen,
and a number of Norwegian ship-
building concerns with the
object of establishing a new yard
in the vicinity of Christiania. It
is understood that motor vessels
of 5,000 tons deadweight and up-
wards are to be built. In con-
sequence of the active demand
which has sprung up for new
shipping the Rosenberg En-
gineering Works, Stavanger, have
decided to establish a shipyard
capable of building ships up to
12,000 tons. The programme
also includes the construction of
a dry dock for vessels of the same
size as the largest boats of the
Norwegian-American Line. The
capital will be increased to about
\$200,000. The Svea Steamship
Company, of Stockholm, has con-
tracted with the Oscarshamn ship-
yard for the construction of two
passenger steamers for the Stock-
holm-Lubeck service. They are
intended to carry 100 passengers,
and will make 14 knots. The
steamers will be provided with
steam turbine machinery and
electric transmission. This system
has been experimented with
successfully on a Mjolsir, be-
longing to the same company.
The steamers will be fitted with
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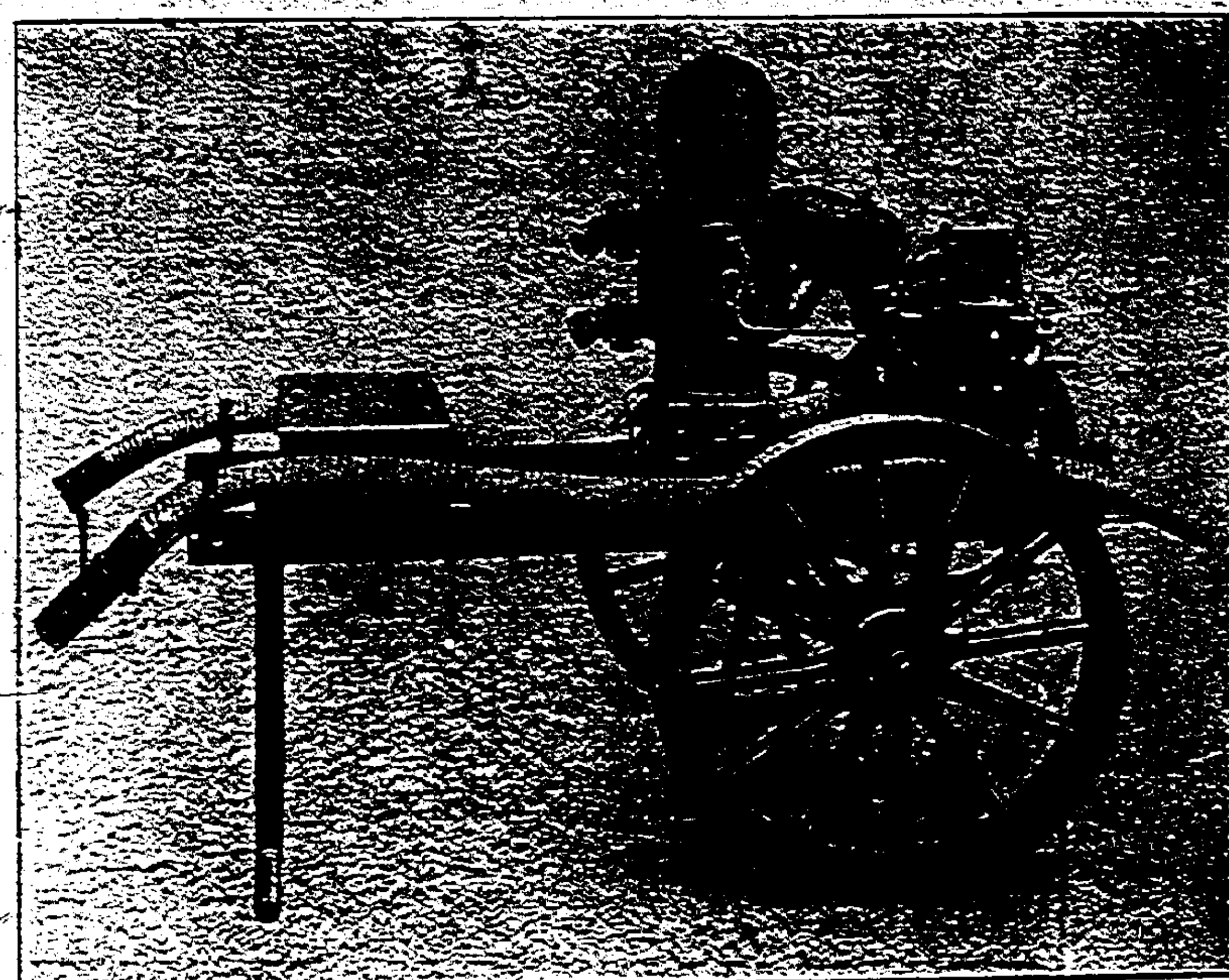
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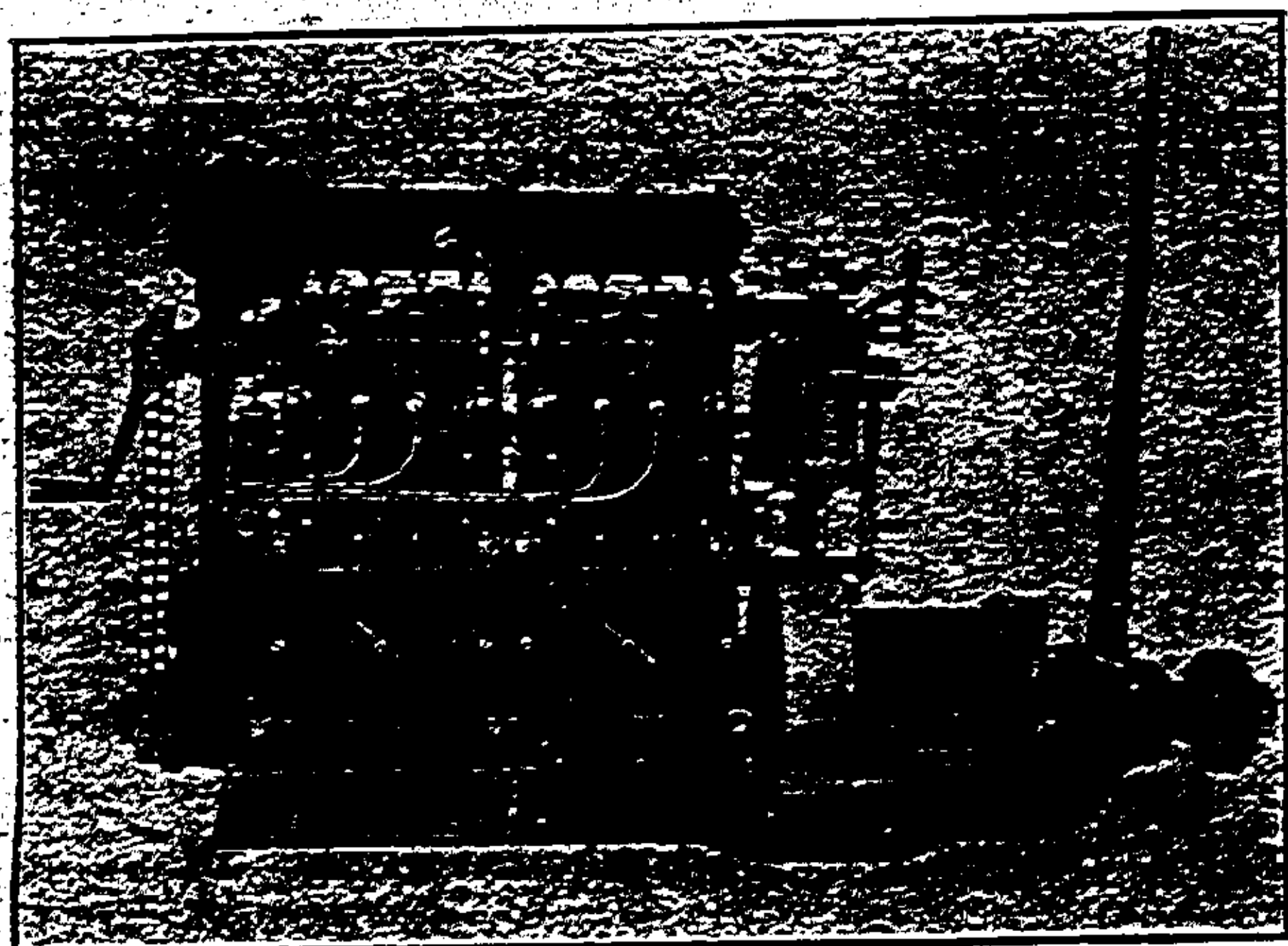


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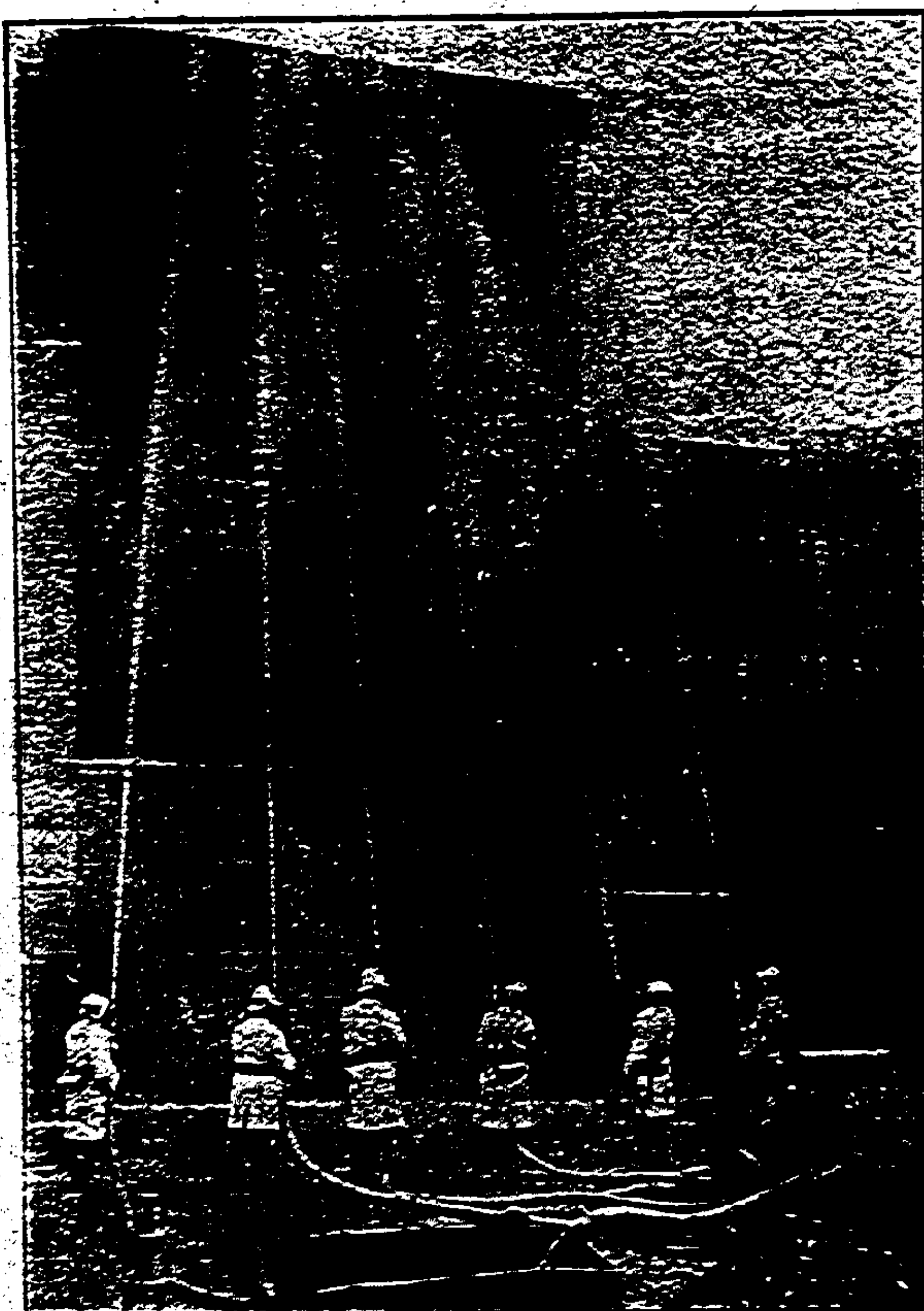


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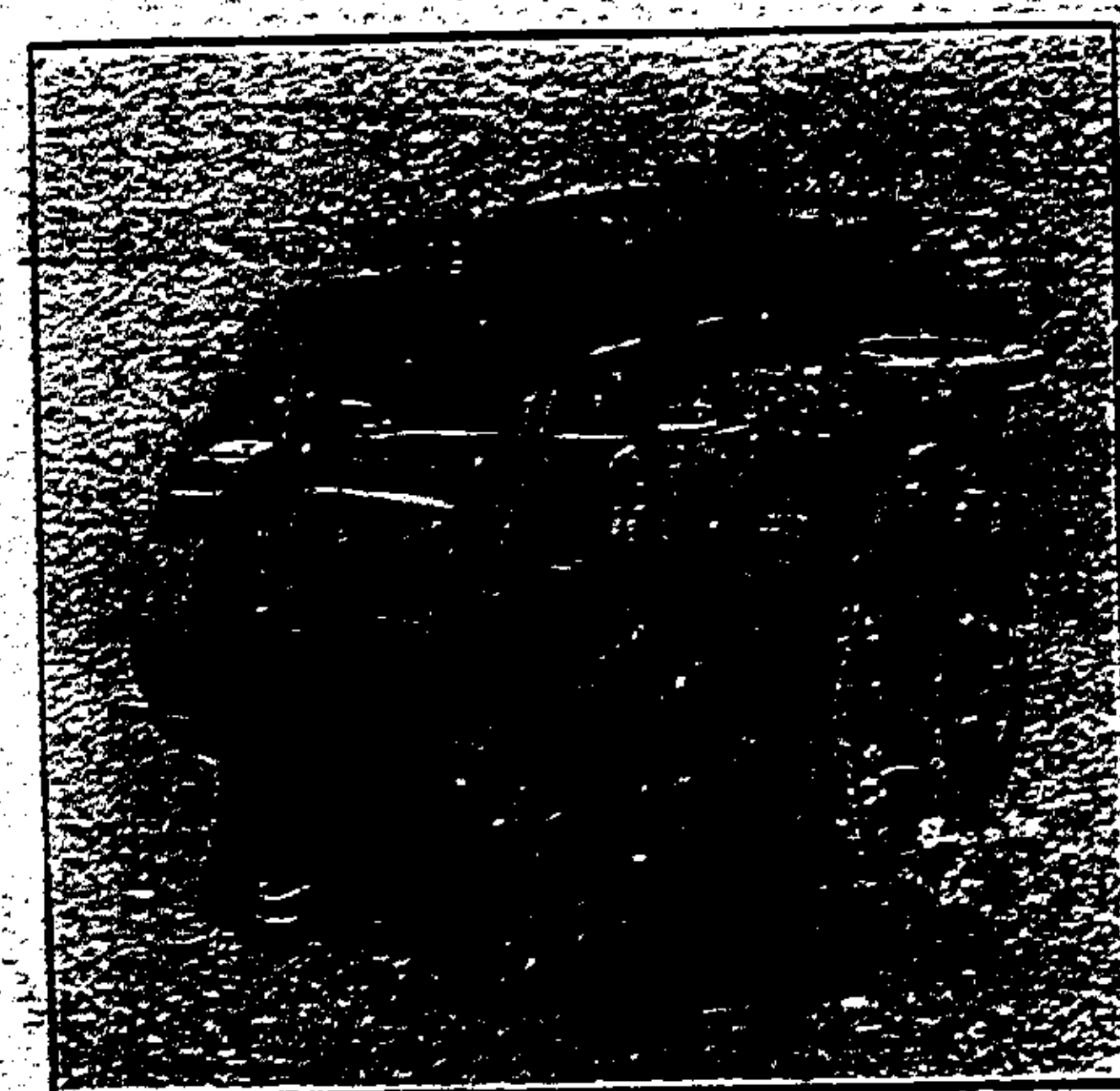


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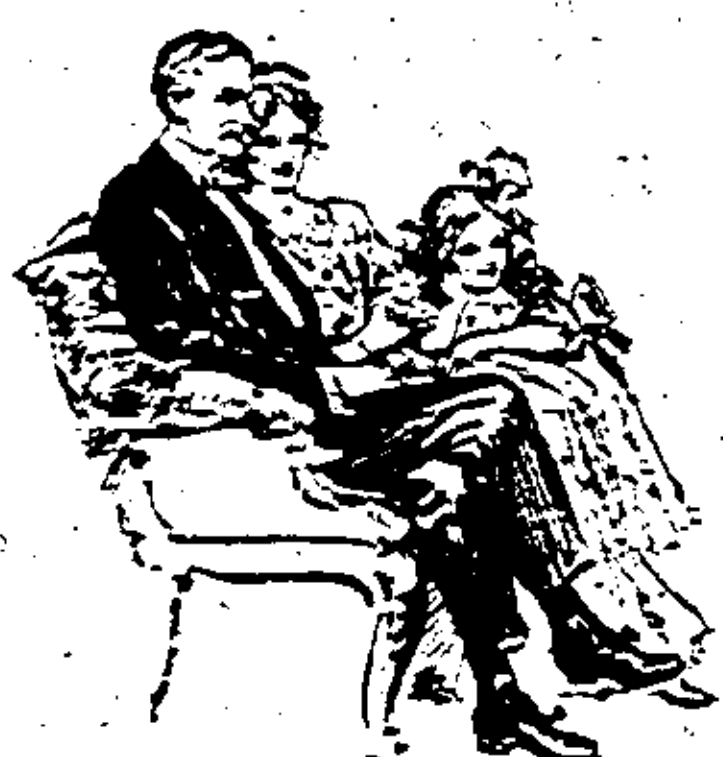
MUSICAL
NOTES
FOR



XMAS

ROBINSON'S.
BE SURE TO
GET
YOUR PIANO
TUNED AND PUT
IN ORDER
FOR
CHRISTMAS.

WHAT IS XMAS WITHOUT MUSIC? A VERY CHEERLESS AFFAIR AND ALMOST AS BAD AND AS INCOMPLETE AS HOME WITHOUT A MOTHER. THIS YEAR ESPECIALLY IT WILL BE VERY DULL AND QUIET UNLESS YOU HAVE A PIANO, A GRAMOPHONE OR AN AUTO PIANO TO FURNISH THE MUSIC SO NECESSARY FOR SOCIAL EVENINGS, IMPROMPTU DANCES, ETC. HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS THAT WILL HELP YOU TO BRIGHTEN YOUR XMAS SEASON AT A VERY MODERATE COST.



GRAMOPHONE RECORDS.

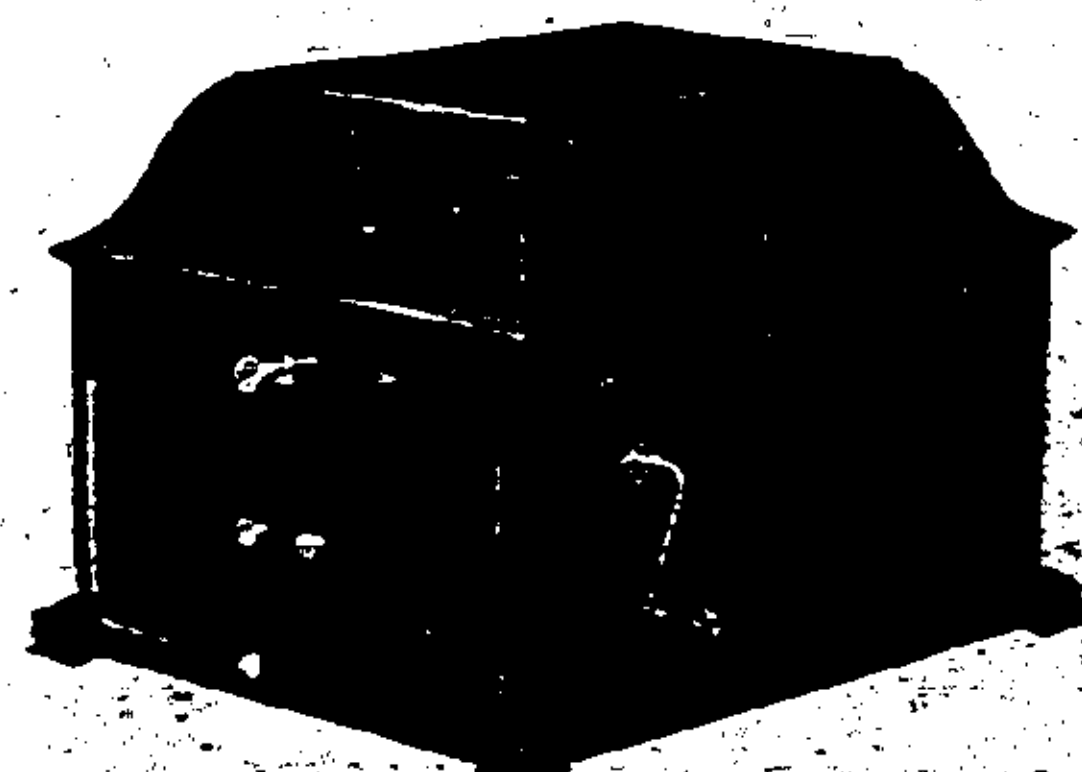
It is very pleasant to sit and listen to your favourite records these colder evenings. Now is the time to add to your collection and we have a magnificent selection of all the new songs, dance music, instrumental numbers that you can choose from. We have just issued a new list and ask you to call in and hear any record, or we will send parcels on approval to responsible parties. Note that all records will fit any machine, Victrola, Columbia, etc.



AUTO PIANOS FOR HIRE.

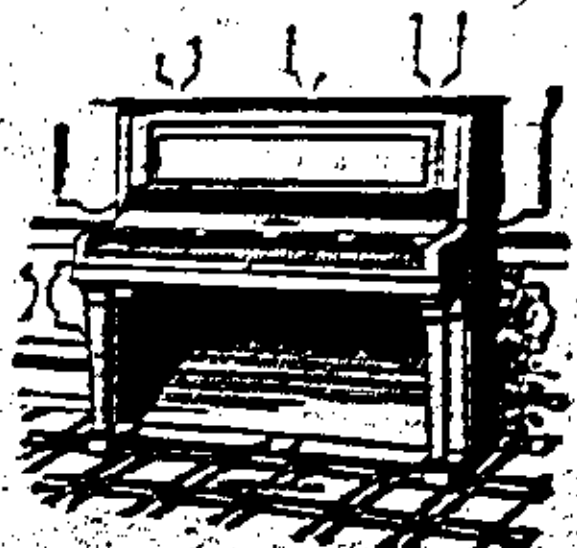
The Auto Piano makes you instantly a first rate pianist, provides music for dancing, enables you to render the popular selections of the day or the favourite classics with the touch and accuracy of the skilled musician, but without any of the drudgery he has to undergo.

We can hire you an Auto Piano on most moderate terms with a free supply of rolls for Xmas. You will find it a never failing source of delight and an unrivalled entertainer. Hire it first, you will probably want to buy it afterwards.



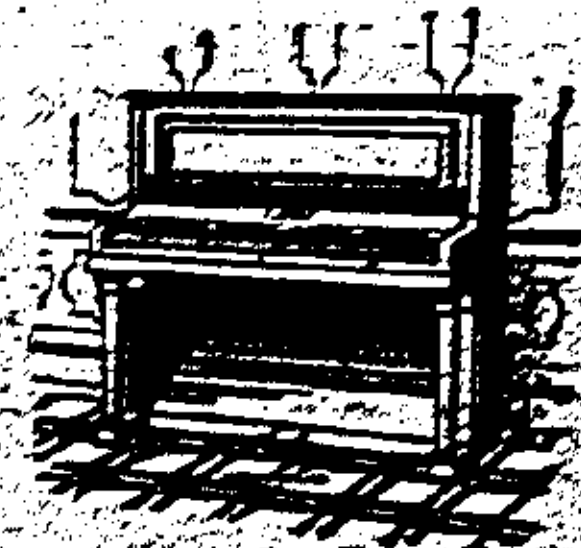
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Some Gramophones are known owing to their cheapness, others through the large sums spent on advertising them. Robinson's Gramophones however APPEAL ON THEIR MERITS to the discriminating buyer and music lover who wants a musical, and artistic looking machine at a fair price. Every Gramophone we sell is a recommendation for us and a source of future business. Newest designs and models from \$35 to \$175.



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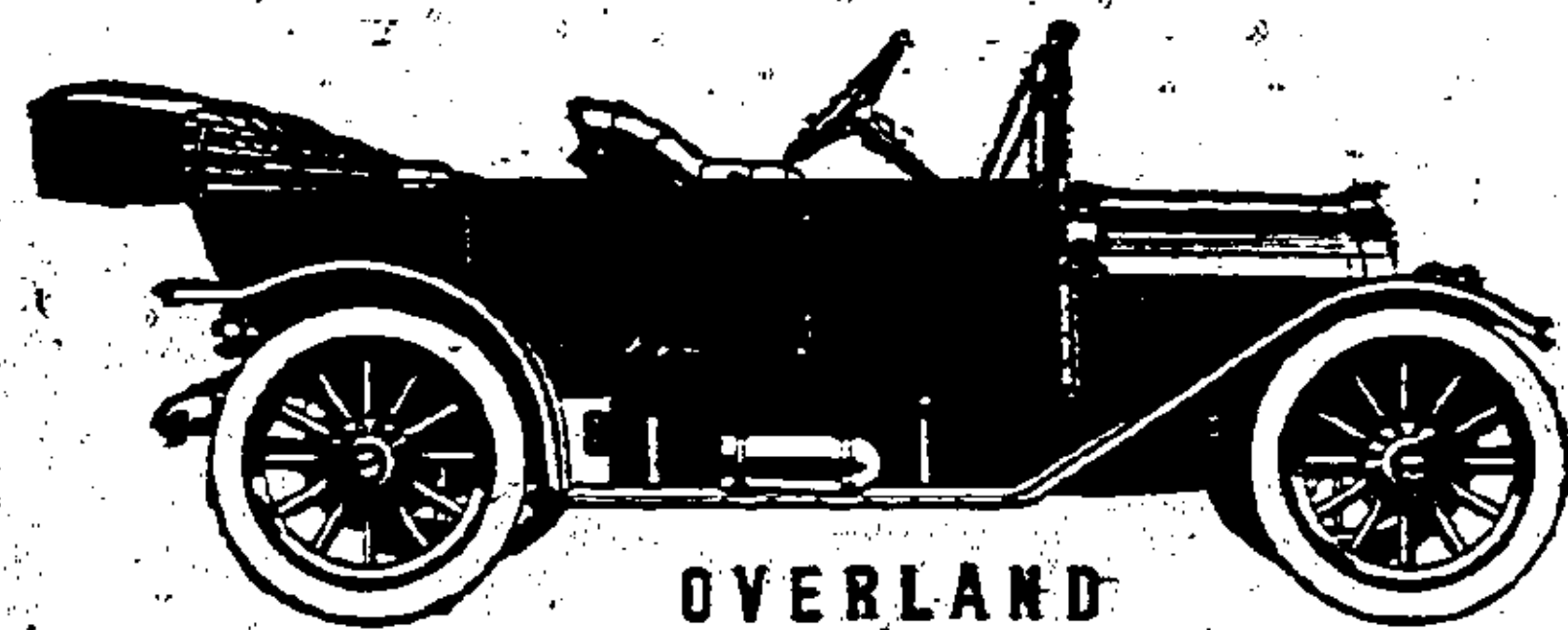


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Levers, centre; electric switches on steering column; instruments on cowl dash. Pedals adjustable in length; large hinged pads.

CLUTCH.

Cone, leather-faced, with clutch brake to facilitate gear changing. Spring-pressed studs under clutch facing assure easy gradual engagement.

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Combine force feed and splash. Pressure gauge on instrument board.

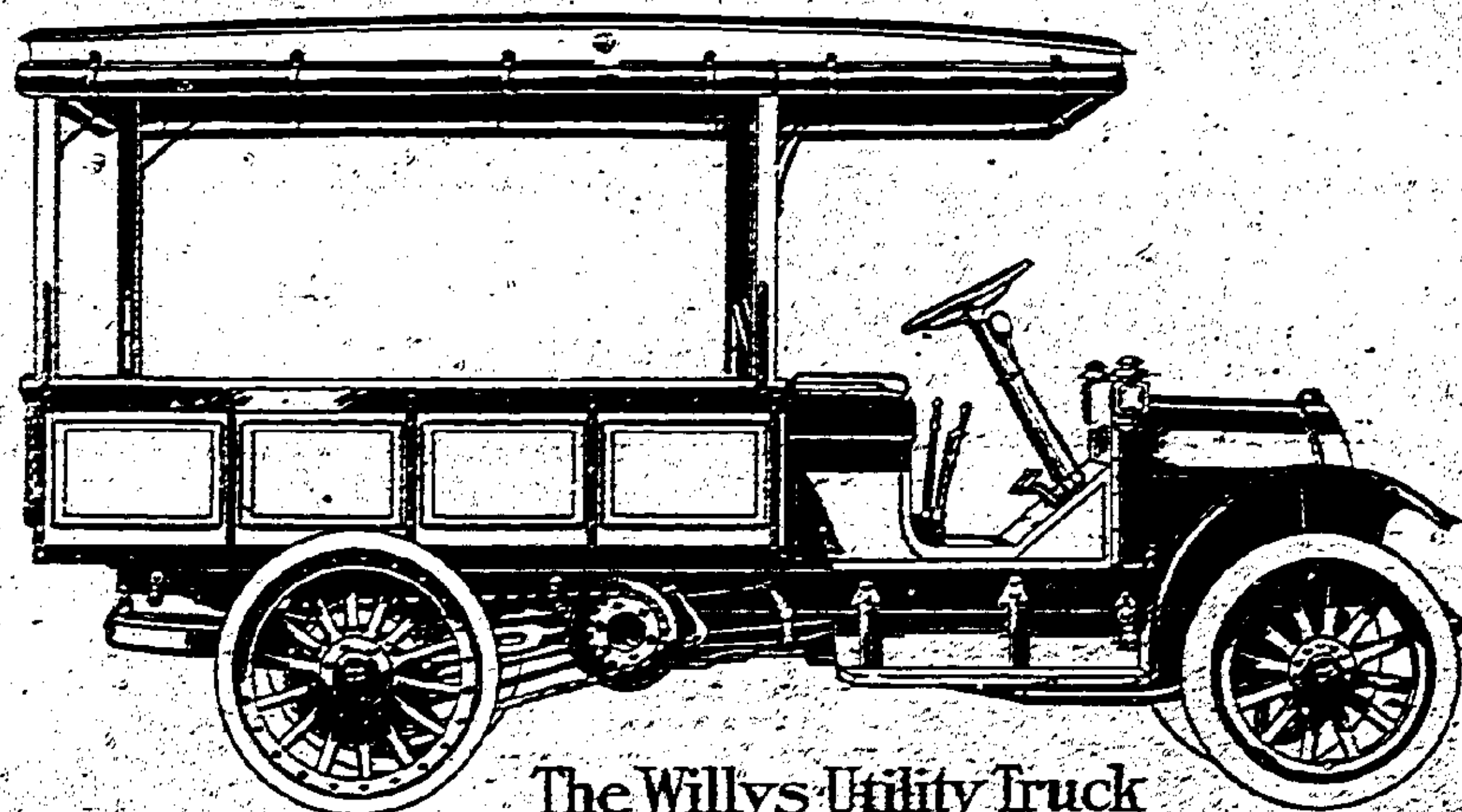
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CARS FOR SALE OR HIRE

THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS' GUIDE.

MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD AND CO., LTD.

Christmas shoppers who visit Messrs. Lane, Crawford's establishment must go prepared to spend money; not that the prices are exorbitant—on the contrary, they are exceedingly reasonable—but the display is so tempting and the goods so disposed of, so varied in character that those who come to look must needs stay to buy. One's whole house and family are catered for, and whether it is a household necessary or a luxury that is required, it will be odd if Messrs. Lane Crawford cannot supply it. Man being but human, it is naturally towards the "good to eat" that his soul first turns at Christmas time. All that the housewife may need in the direction of Christmas pudding ingredients of the highest quality can be obtained at these stores, as also can the biscuits, nuts, preserved fruits, chocolates etc., that the child mind associates with the festive season. Tinned chow, bottled chow and every other kind of chow will be found to be only of the best brands. Clothing and Household Articles.

After the inner man, the outer (some unwise people put the latter first, but that's to them; it'll be their funeral—not ours). The excellence of Messrs. Lane, Crawford's tailoring department is too well known to call for special mention. They have new and special lines in hats, ready-made overcoats and boots, while all who have once tried their haberdashery invariably swear by it. Among the Christmas presents which men always appreciate are ties, fancy waistcoats, dressing gowns etc.; and all these are on sale in pleasing variety. Other useful presents for the man of the house are suitcases, umbrellas, walking-sticks and so forth—all of which Messrs. Lane Crawford can supply. And their stock of suitable gifts for ladies is just as large and diverse, handkerchiefs, gloves, lace collars, mufflers, evening wraps, handbags, etc., for the benefit of the commercially-minded, at remarkably low prices.

It would take a big page to describe, in anything like detail, the number of household requisites on show here. Your safest course is to make up your mind before hand as to what you want, go in, buy it, and come out again, turning neither to the right nor to the left, nor looking back—for temptation lurks on every counter, and the mere sight of some of the articles displayed will dispose you to spend money.

Toys. But there is still a good deal to be said about what most concerns the average adult at this time of year: the Christmas presents for the kiddies. In this department there is such a wealth of really new stuff that even grown-ups will be beguiled into lengthening their stay to an unsafe extent. Messrs. Lane Crawford have just received from Home large consignments of every kind of up-to-date games.

The disappearance from the market of German lines of goods has put British inventors and manufacturers on their mettle with the result that undoubtedly the output of British-made toys is, this year, out of all proportion to what has obtained hitherto. Necessarily many of the new games hang round the war, and among the most interesting of these are "Bombardment," "Autopony," "Kill Kite" and "Scouting on the War Path". Other ingenious indoor games are "Tippletopple" and varieties of drawing-room golf and football. Above all, buyers should ask to see "Meccon"—which is a complete engineering outfit for boys of all ages and is sold at all prices from a couple of dollars up to fifty or sixty, according to size and elaborateness. No parent who sees "Meccon" will hesitate any longer as to what to buy for his boys.

MESSRS. A. S. WATSON AND CO., LTD.

At Messrs. Watson's, as in previous years, the stock of Christmas good things is so large that one finds oneself wondering how it can ever be disposed of; yet if supplies suddenly ran out—if the constant inflow of their wares were by some means cut off—it would soon be apparent that the immense Christmas sales at these stores make a very considerable hole in the stock. The reason for such large sales is obviously that the public has repeatedly tried Messrs. Watson's goods and has found that they were what they were advertised to be—the very best. The extent and excellence of their drug business are known all over the East. This department contains also many articles which make most useful Christmas presents: notably all kinds of perfumery, English and French—in elegant boxes, caskets and cut glass bottles—including Eau de Cologne, Peau d'Espagne, Trifle Incarnate, Azures, Zsobia Sweet Pea and Lily of the Valley. The same department offers ample choice in the way of fancy toilet articles, silver-mounted manicure sets etc. Before turning to the drinkables and the smokeables, we would draw attention to Messrs. Watson's "Glimpses of China"—a very charming souvenir which would make an admirable Christmas gift. It contains river studies, scenes by road, creek and waterway, figure studies, and sundry peeps into Chinese life.

Cigars and Smokers' Requisites. Those who are buying cigars and other things which delight the heart of the smoker should pay a visit to Messrs. Watson's without fail. They are offering a large variety of the best brands of cigars, including Cortados (100's) at \$3.25, High Life in the East (50's) at \$2.50, Reins Victories (100's) at \$6.50 and London (100's) at \$3.50—in other words all palates and all pockets are catered for. Messrs. Watson also offer excellent lines in pipes—calabash, meerschaum and briar, together with smokers' companions, meerschaum and amber cigar and cigarette holders, cigar and cigarette cases, tobacco pouches in beaver, crocodile-skin etc., with tobacco jars and ash trays of all sorts. We might add here that as useful a present as any for a man is a Gillette razor, which, together with other razors and shaving materials, are to be found at Messrs. Watson's.

Wine and Spirits. The name of this firm on wine, spirits, beers and mineral waters is always a sufficient guarantee. Despite the heavy rise in wine prices, Messrs. Watson have done their best to meet the pocket of the man who sometimes has to make one ten-dollar bill do the work of two, and they are offering St. Marceaux champagne (1896 Vintage) at \$72 and \$76 per dozen quarts, or \$72 and \$76 per two dozen pints. "Watson's E." certainly needs no advertising, but it may be mentioned that there is another "Watson's E."—Old Brown Brandy to wit. "The Reg o' my Heart"—at \$53.50 per case (single bottles \$4.55) that will appeal to cultivated palates.

Another notable feature of this firm's Christmas offerings is the "assorted case" which can be had at as low a price as \$20. This case contains 3 bottles of excellent claret, 2 of sherry, 2 of port and 2 of gin, as well as a bottle of old liqueur cognac and one each of Dewar's and Watson's E. whiskey. Other cases can be had at respectively \$28 and \$30. As is well known, Messrs. Watson are also agents for the best beers and spirits, and they have recently received from Home large consignments of these including the world-renowned "Pilsener" brand of "Kaiser" stout and light ales.

THE HONGKONG CIGAR STORE

If a reformed rake makes a good husband there would seem equally to be no reason why a cigar shop and fancy store, when it ceases to be German and passes into polite British hands, should not do all that its proprietors and patrons expect of it. The Hongkong Cigar Store, in spite of the general slackness of trade, has lived up to the big bid for popularity which it made at the outset of its career, early in this present year, and has found—as a well-conducted business always finds—that chance purchasers have very quickly become regular customers. This satisfactory state of things cannot exist unless it is known that good value is to be had for money; money is much too scarce in these days for the smoker or the buyer of presents to be able to throw his per dollar away on rubbish. The popularity that has come to the Hongkong Cigar Store is there because those managing it not only sell the best quality goods at a reasonable price, but also know how to take care of their stock and to guard it against the attacks of a climate that is ruinous to cigars unless they are properly looked after.

Cigars, Cigarettes and Accessories. It is a threeshare commonplace that ladies who want to buy cigars or cigarettes for their men folk should take a smoker with them to instruct them in the sublime art of what not to buy. Wives or sisters or daughters or wives-alect who have decided that the best Christmas present lies in the smokeable line have no need to call in special aid when they visit the Hongkong Cigar Store, for experts have already been employed in the choosing of the various brands of cigars, cigarettes and tobacco with which the shop is stocked; consequently there is little chance of making a bad choice. All that these fair purchasers have to remember is whether their men like "mild, medium or full" in cigarettes whether American or Egyptian, and the people at the shop will do the rest.

Christmas shoppers who want to provide their friends with something more permanent than tobacco will find plenty of nice presents from which to choose at this store. The stock of smokers' accessories is large and assorted and contains excellent pipes in wood and meerschaum at all prices, holders for cigarettes and cigars, vestas cases, cigar-lighters, cigarette and cigar cases, tobacco-pots and pouches, match-stands, ash-trays, cigar-cutters etc.

Fancy Articles. As the present-giving is not usually all on one side, we may remind our men readers that they too will find at the Cigar Store very many articles suitable for Christmas gifts for ladies—and, for that matter, for children as well. There is a good store of watches, ornamental clocks of all sizes and makes, and a wide assortment of leather articles. Among the latter are to be found purses, pocket-books, card cases, photograph frames, writing-cases and hand-bags of all kinds. Finest quality perfumery of all makes is also to be had, in artistically-cut bottles.

Attention should also be drawn to an attractive little set of toys, and also to a number of ornamental goods for reception-room use. These latter include some beautiful little statuettes, a few pictures and photographs, and a large variety of articles for the table—crust-stands, serviette-rings etc. There are, too, some beautiful ornaments in china and porcelain in addition to a heterogeneous collection of useful presents—from a walking stick to a pair of slippers. It should be added that tobacco of all the principal brands, loose or in tin, are also stocked.

WILLIAM POWELL, LTD.

Residents who are in search of really appropriate and good-class Christmas gifts, whether for children or grown-ups, are certain not to forget Messrs. William Powell's up-to-date store. This well-known house has had very many years of catering for Yuletide trade, and by judicious buying it is able to supply just the things most suited to local requirements. The business is so well organized and the goods so well classified and displayed that shopping at Powell's is by no means a matter of means a tedious business: one's desires are quickly met, and satisfaction is assured.

For the Kiddies. Of course, the department at this establishment just now is that known as the Toy Bazaar, a visit to which is surely the happiest experience which could befall any youngster, whether boy or girl. In spite of the war—indeed, one had almost said because of it, remembering that so many of the toys are of military and naval design—a most wonderful and attractive collection of playthings is on view: a passing glance at the window is sufficient to give some sort of indication of the firm's stock. But there are more and better things inside. And they are all British toys, too. In fact, a visit to the shop is worth while if only to see how British toy-makers are seizing the new opportunities before them. For the girls there are some really beautiful dolls, with all types of miniature phylacteries in which to accommodate the "make-believe" babies, while the boys have a bewildering variety of things from which to choose. Besides the large choice of mechanical toys, motor-cars, tricycles, rocking horses, etc., there are the essentially war toys, such as soldiers, sailors, forts, trenches, battle-ships, and, last but not least, aeroplanes.

Gifts for Ladies. In the way of presents for ladies, Powell's has a very large stock of suitable articles to choose from. In the Fancy Department almost anything can be had, from handsome fur sets at popular prices, down to charming fancy handkerchiefs. There are also many elegant evening gowns and wraps, pretty nylon scarves and silk knitted scarves for day and evening wear, while the best tastes can be met in the way of lace blouses and dainty neckwear. Here also there are some very neat and useful handbags, both in silk and leather. It may further be mentioned that the firm has just received a splendid consignment of smart evening shoes, in the very latest styles. In the Millinery Department can be seen some exceedingly smart Paris models, while special notice may be drawn to the large selection of valours. A feature is just now being made of useful semi-kimono hats, of which the firm has a surprising variety. These are most reasonable in price, too. In the Children's Department mothers will find all they need for the little ones, a special feature being made of knitted coats and hats to match.

—And for Gents. Smart time is always appreciated as gifts, and Powell's has a very big assortment of these; in fact, their stock of ties is said to be the biggest ever brought to Hongkong. The newest in gloves, handkerchiefs and socks can also be had, while the nice array of walking-sticks, umbrellas, handbags and suit-cases makes it easy to find something which a male friend will appreciate. In the Electro and Silverware Department there are all manner of very dainty and useful articles, from complete tea and coffee sets, spirit-lamp, etc., to flower vases, cigarette rings, pen and pencil jars and a hundred and one other things too numerous to be detailed.

DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.

If there is one business organisation in Hongkong for whose existence we should feel thankful at this season of the year it is surely the Dairy Farm Company. Year in and year out the Dairy Farm fills our tables with all that is best, almost making us forget that we are exiles from a far country. But it is during the Christmastide that the management lays itself out to excel itself, and it is making a very bare statement of fact to say that it succeeds astonishingly well in the task it sets itself. If residents do not enjoy a good old-fashioned English Christmas so far as feasting goes, then the fault is theirs—certainly not the Dairy Farm Company's.

A New Departure. Enterprise is the watchword of the Dairy Farm Company, which is always seeking how it can better serve its customers. And it is, therefore, only in accordance with what one might expect to learn that occasion is being taken of the coming festive season to introduce another innovation which, we are sure, will be greatly appreciated. We know already of the good things which the Company supplies in the way of smoked tongues, corned tongues, corned meats and many varieties of sausages, excepting German. Now the Dairy Farm Company announces that it is prepared to supply ready-cooked joints, such as: beef, mutton, legs of pork, turkeys, geese, ducks, game, capons and chickens, as well as sausages—all ready for the table. Even small quantities—meat two birds, or four or five lbs. of meat—can be ordered in this way. The housewife therefore will be able to save herself the bother of superintending the cooking arrangements, while if, as is unhappily too often the case, her cook is likely to "let her down" at the one time of the year when she most desires to put on a "good table," she can feel quite independent of him. This new idea of the Dairy Farm, it may be noted, will be a permanent one.

Enough for All. But whether the customers desire their Christmas fare ready-cooked or not, it makes no difference—the Dairy Farm can meet them either way. The turkey always takes a foremost place among table delicacies during the Christmas season, and once again the Company has thousands of these excellent birds being specially fed and fattened at its model farm under European supervision. The farm, too, supports a very large family of own-fed geese, capons, ducks and chickens, all of which are in prime condition. But this does not exhaust all the good things which the Dairy Farm can supply, for there are delicious hams, game and pork pies, the very best in the way of beef and mutton, to say nothing of sausage meat for stuffing purposes, eggs, butter, milk, cream and cream cheese.

Order Early. It is always advisable to hang poultry for a few days before cooking, and for that reason alone we would advise intending purchasers to send in their orders early. And here, incidentally, it may be mentioned that the Dairy Farm Company has admirable arrangements for hanging birds in its cold storage rooms until delivery is required. But there is another reason why time should be taken by the "fore-lock"—it is that orders are already coming in from all quarters. It therefore behooves residents quickly to acquaint the Dairy Farm Company of their needs for the coming week.

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- 1 Bottle St. Marceaux Champagne
- 1 Bottle Superior Old Liqueur Cognac
- 1 Bottle Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky E Quality
- 1 Bottle Dewar's Scotch Whisky
- 1 Bottle Gin
- 1 Bottle Creme de Menthe

Case No. 3—\$30.

- 1 Bottle St. Marceaux Champagne
- 1 Bottle Sherry Superior Pale Dry, D Quality
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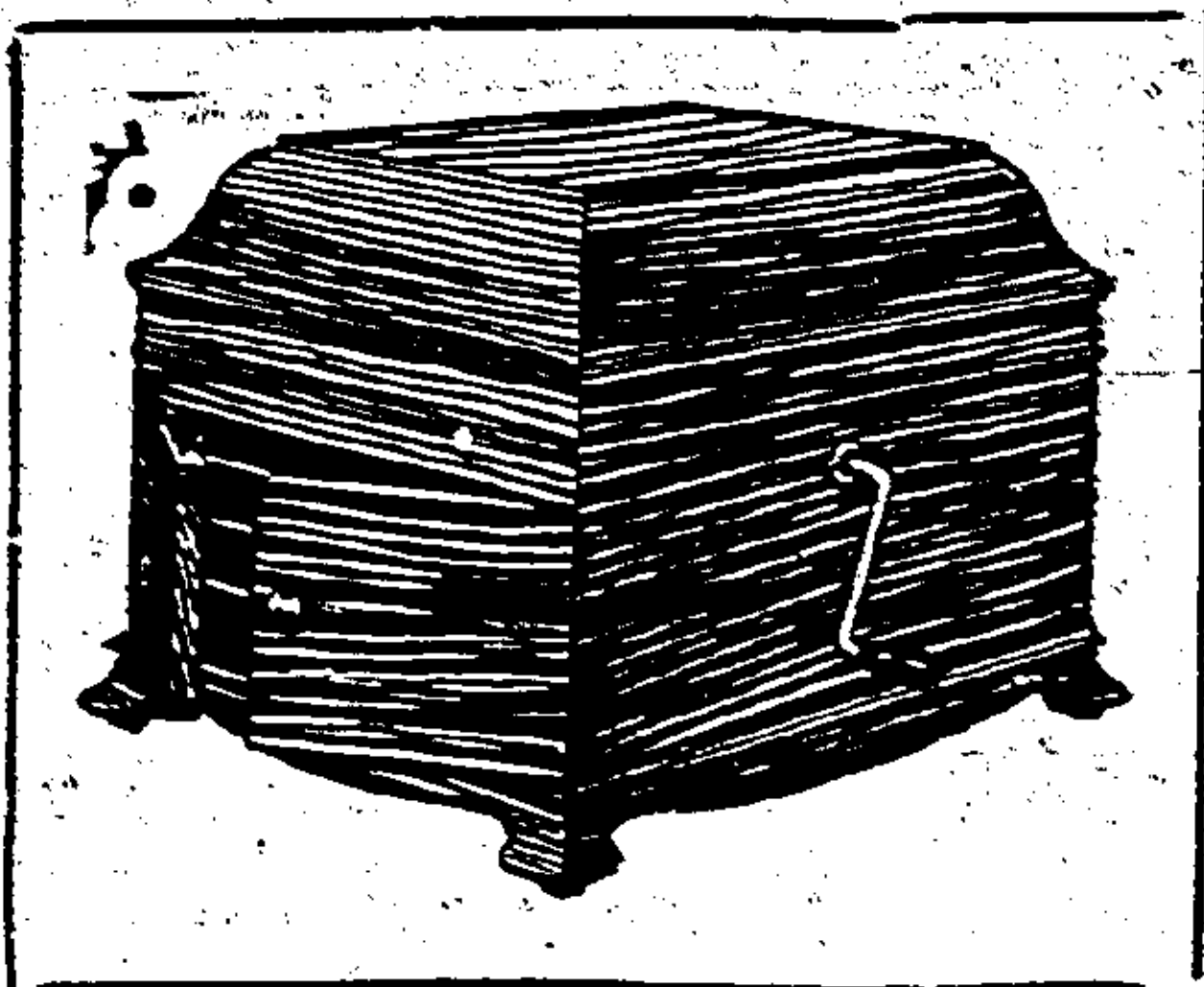
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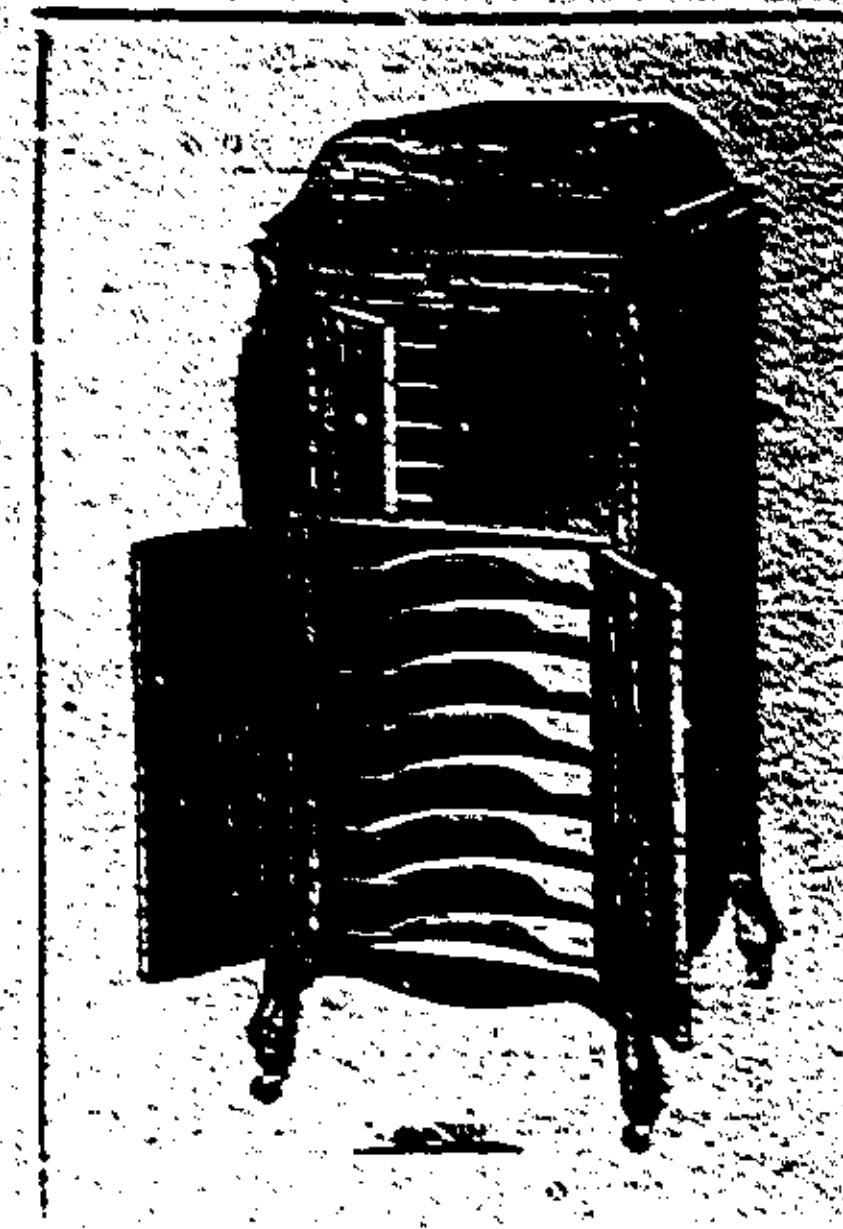
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THIS CHRISTMAS?

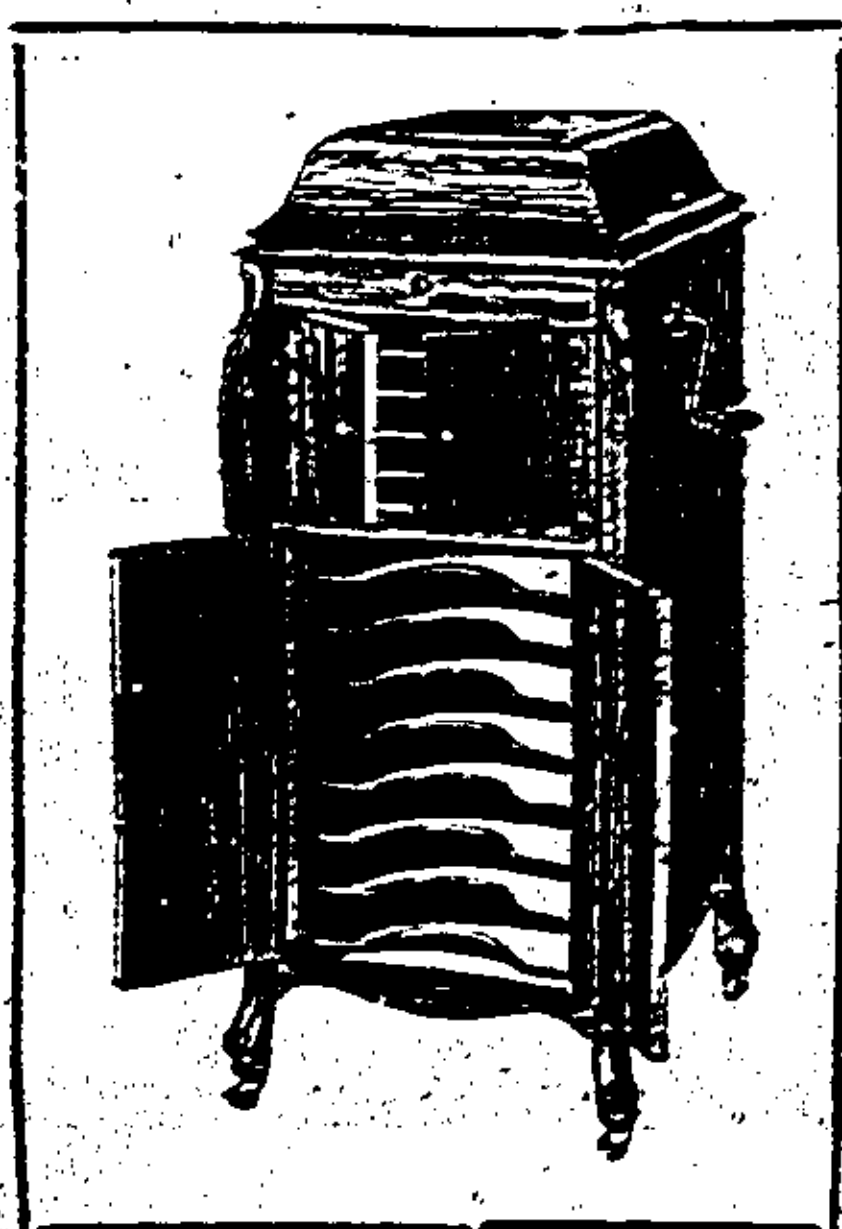


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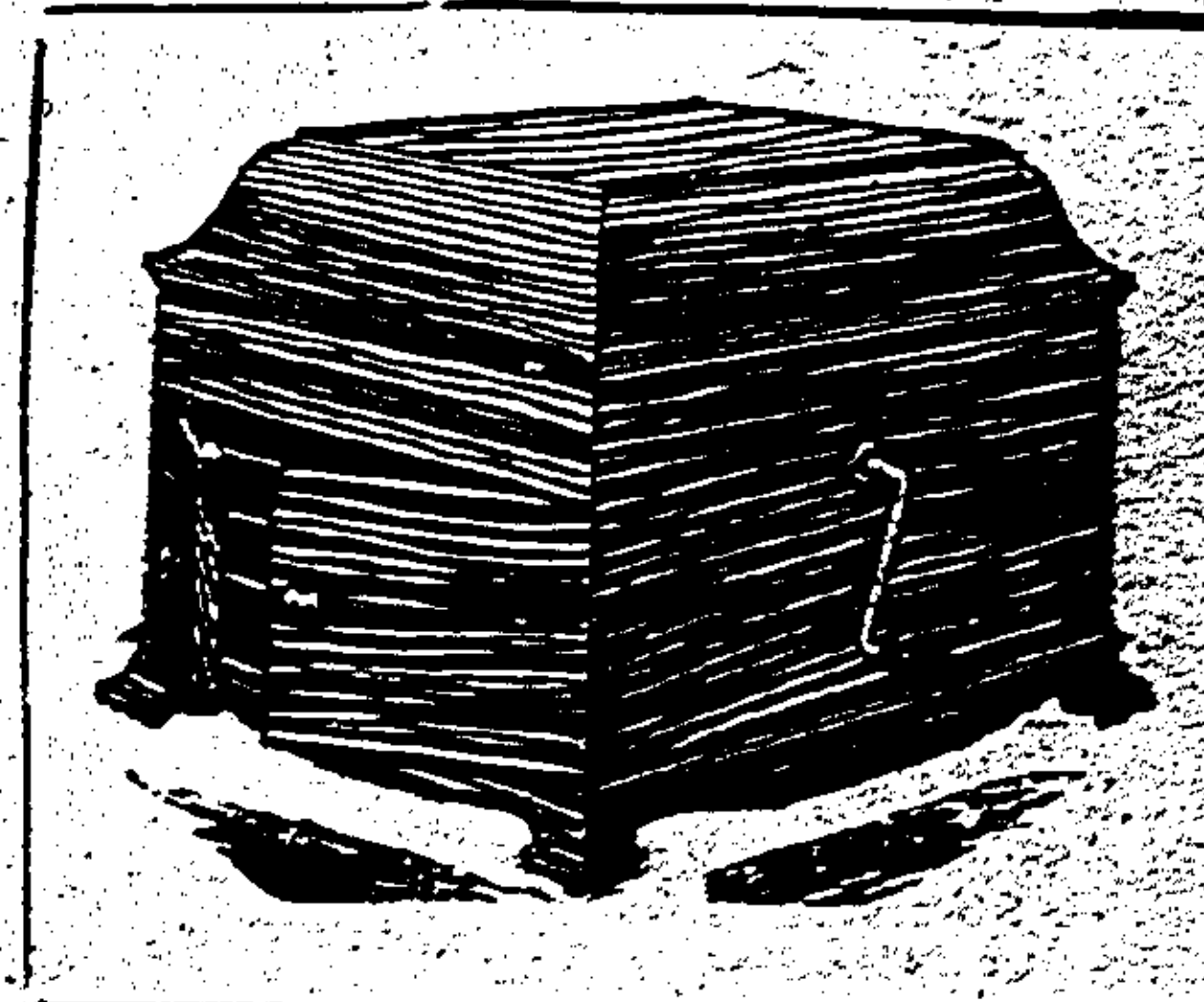
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THE SINCERE COMPANY.

The Christmas shopper never forgets the Sincere Company's stores when he or she goes out to effect the big yearly purchase of all that is necessary to make the season a thoroughly festive one. There are two very good reasons why that is the case. First, there is the astonishingly large and varied stock which the Company carries. Secondly, customers know what a big reputation Sincere's have built up for reliability. On the latter point, it is well to remember that it has always been the Company's policy, and always will be, to sell their goods at one fixed price—the lowest possible price commensurate with quality, and patrons can rest assured, that, as in the past, so will it be in the future, they will always get "good value for money."

Past and Future.
The Sincere Company, let it be remembered, has long been with us. No fewer than fifteen years have elapsed since the business was established and as the management looks upon the very successful career which has been enjoyed, it surely must feel grateful, happy, and confident—grateful to the general public for the patronage and support which have helped the Company to attain this success, happy that it has been able to please and give satisfaction to patrons, as is evidenced by the success attained, and confident that it will be

even better able in the future to cater to the needs of its numerous supporters and friends. Twenty months ago the rapidly increasing turnover made it apparent to the Company that a spacious and up-to-date building was necessary to effectively handle the large and varied stock carried in the different departments, and the pending completion of the new premises will be hailed with delight by customers.

The new store will be opened for business early in the New Year, and then the Sincere Company will be able to boast one of the largest (if not the largest) emporiums in the Far East. Only an inspection of its various departments can give one an idea of the tremendous assortment of goods which is kept in stock.

The New Building.
Sincere's new building is the first of its kind to be erected in Hongkong, and among its chief features are not only utility and strength, but also structural beauty. Towering above the other buildings in the vicinity, and in full view from the Harbour, it might justly be claimed an ornament to the city and a credit to the Colony. The building is of steel frame construction with reinforced concrete floors, roof and staircases; the steel work is encased in concrete and brickwork, thus rendering the premises as far as possible fireproof. It has a frontage of 70 feet on Cornhill Road and 180 feet on Wing Woo Street; the height,

comprising five stories with a Tea Pavilion on the flat roof, is 80 feet from the road level to the top of the cornice.

The design of the exterior is English Renaissance in character. The ground floor portion of the elevation, in keeping with up-to-date shop requirements, is entirely devoted to show windows and three main entrances, one of which is at each end of the building and the other in the centre of the Wing Woo Street front. The show windows and the building generally, including the roof garden, will be generously supplied with electric light. Two broad staircases provide access to the various floors and in the centre of each is an electric elevator which runs from ground floor to roof. Electric fans are to be found in all the departments for the comfort of customers; the fittings, throughout have been especially designed and constructed to suit the requirements of the various departments—in short nothing has been omitted to make the premises a thoroughly up-to-date store.

THE WING ON COMPANY, LTD.

Among the large department stores in the Colony, the Wing On Company occupies a deservedly prominent place. Within the four walls of its extensive premises can be found an absolutely bewildering variety of goods, and

so systematically are these classified that patrons of the store can find what they desire at a moment's notice. The business is really splendidly organized: one merely steps inside and immediately one is directed, by most courteous and obliging assistants, to the particular department desired. Not only will one find what one seeks at Wing On's, but what is much to the point, the prices will be low as is compatible with the supply of really first-grade goods.

Seasonable Goods.
At the present moment, the Wing On Company has on hand a large and most varied stock of Christmas delicacies, the prime quality of which leaves nothing to be desired. There are the inevitable Christmas puddings, mince-meat, raisins, all kinds of nuts and a fine stock of the finest English hams. Biscuits, preserved fruits, all by the best makers, are also to be found among the Company's huge stock of the good things associated with this season of the year. In wines and spirits, Wing On's have the very best on offer. For example, there are many approved brands of champagne, while in whiskies the Company stocks some of the best distillings which Scotland yields. In the way of cigars and cigarettes, too, the Company can meet all tastes.

Toys.
Wing On's have always made a strong feature of their display of toys for Christmas, and this year they have once again a most astoundingly complete and attractive selection, to see which would make the heart of any youngster leap with joy. The variety is as great as the quality is good, and, if mechanical toys are sought after, no parent should miss paying a visit to Wing On's (Tryland). It is impossible to indicate a title of the attractive playthings in this department, and we can only advise intending purchasers to go and make a personal inspection of the huge assortment now on show. If they do this, we are sure they will not come away empty-handed. And, once again, the prices here also will be found all right. It may be added that Wing On's have a very fine lot of Christmas crackers this year at prices to suit the pockets of all and sundry.

For Adults.
For adults, there are a thousand and one articles suitable for presents, from electro and glass-ware goods, and all manner of household necessities, to the latest in gramophones. In boots and shoes the Company has some very dainty ladies' wear, in the latest styles. And it may be added, incidentally, though not necessarily in connection with Christmas—that Wing On's have a most up-to-date tailoring department. The services of a first-class cutter have been secured, and those who go to this store for their clothes may depend on having them made in the latest and most correct styles. In fact, whatever is needed, the Wing On Company can supply it. A trial order will demonstrate that fact clearly.

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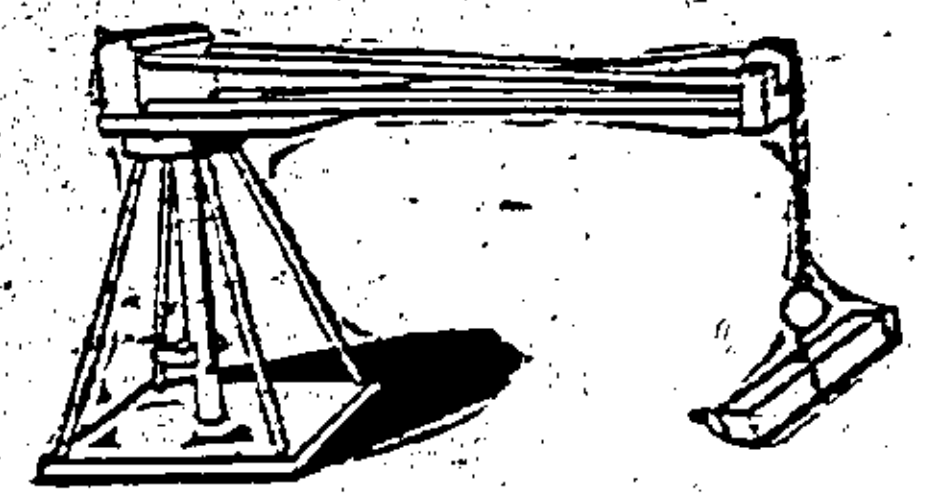
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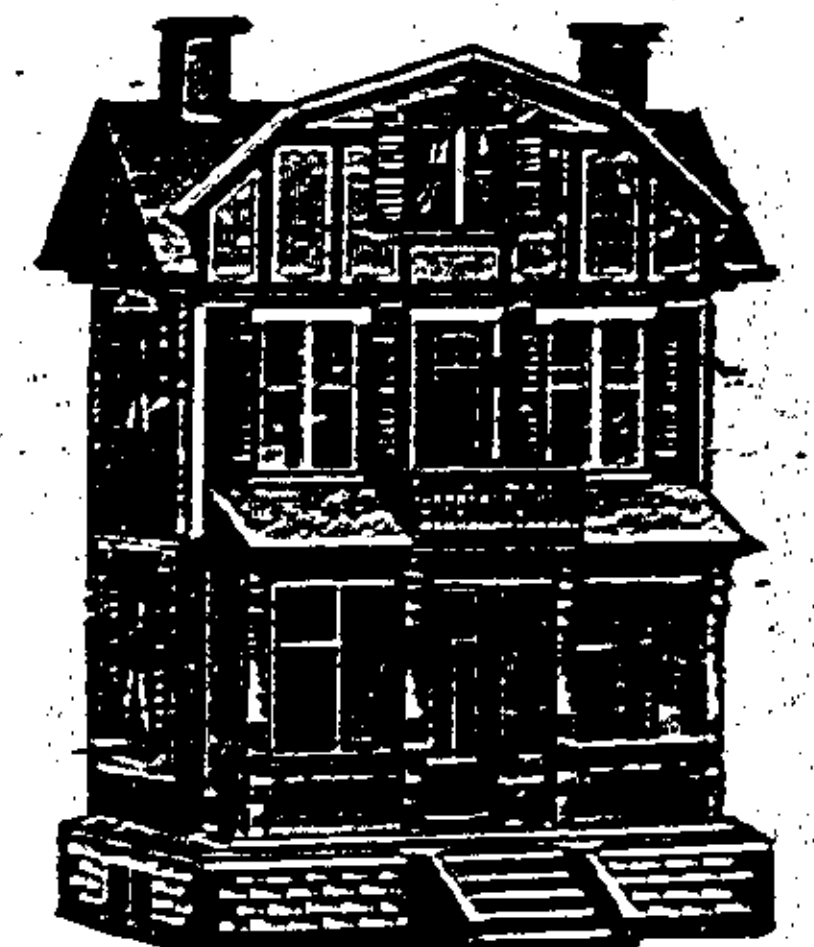
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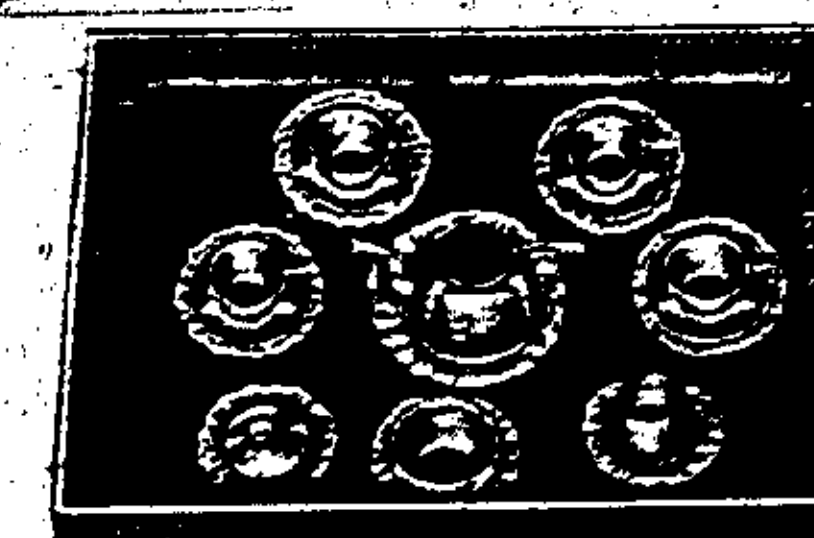
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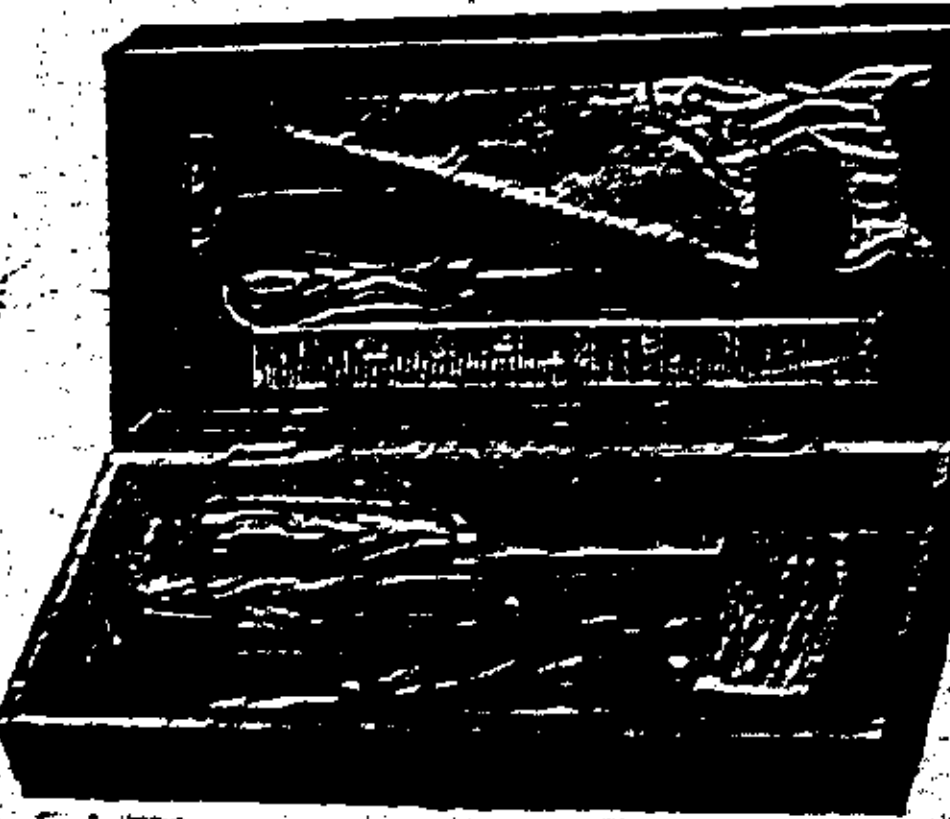
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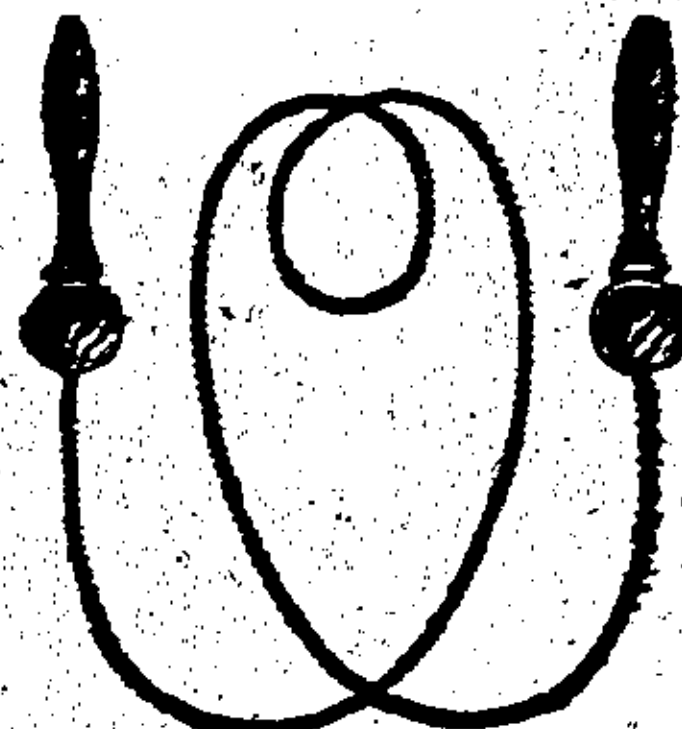
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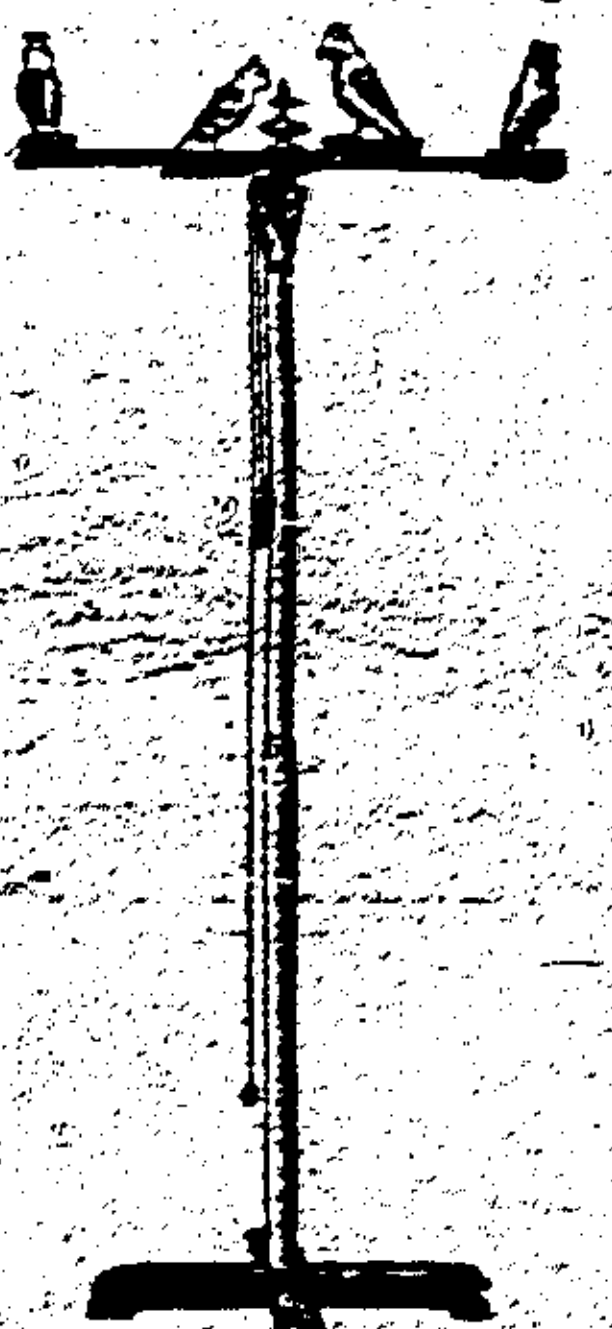
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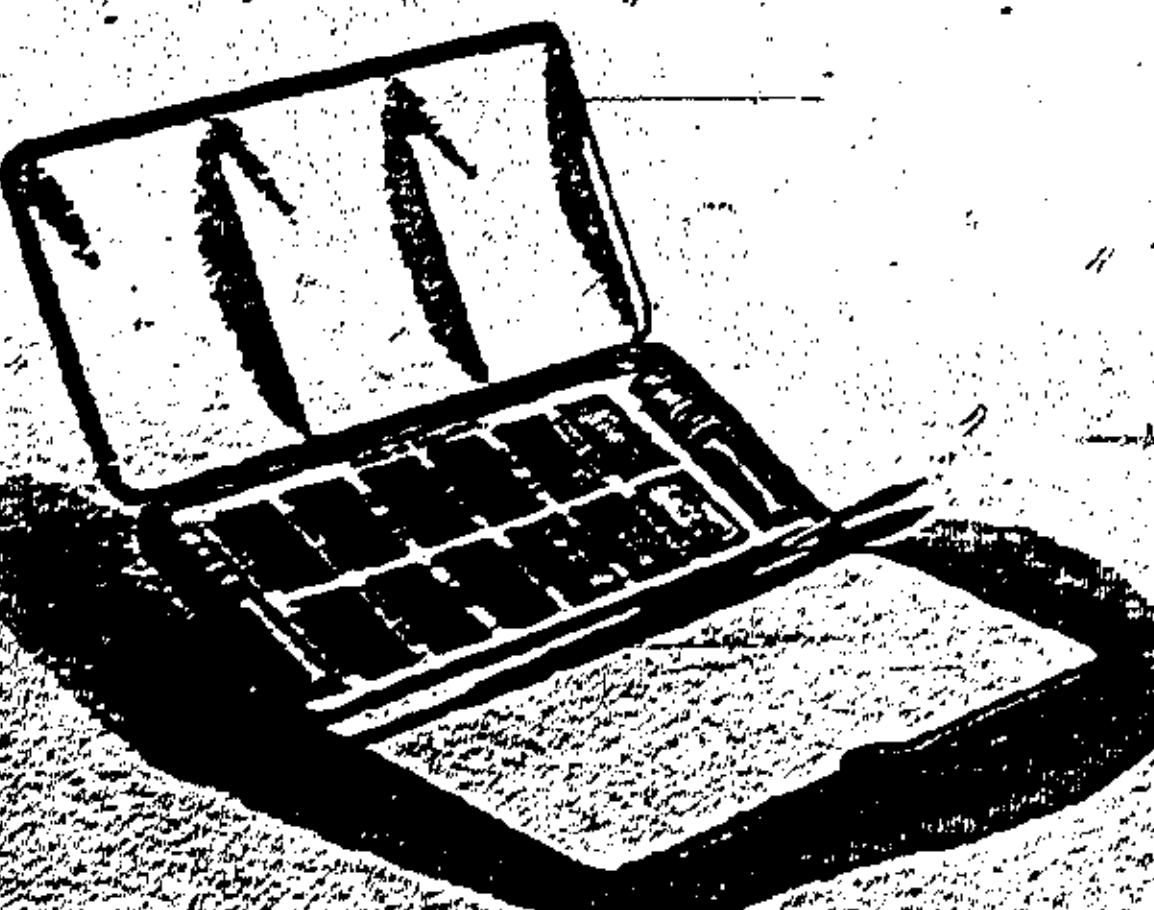
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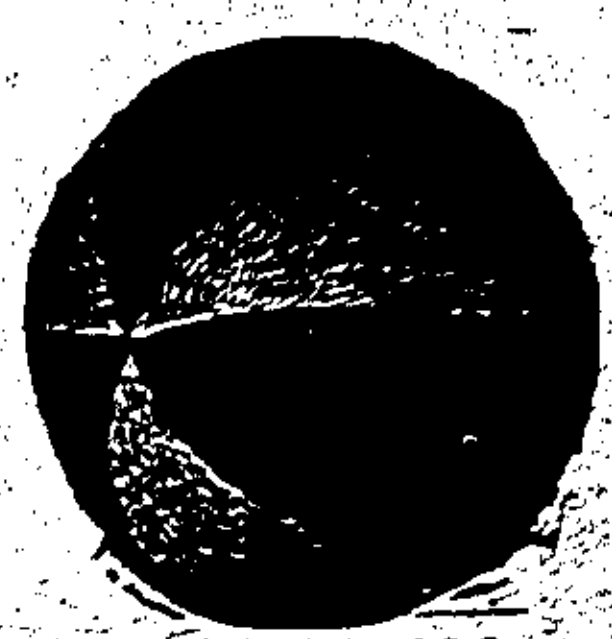


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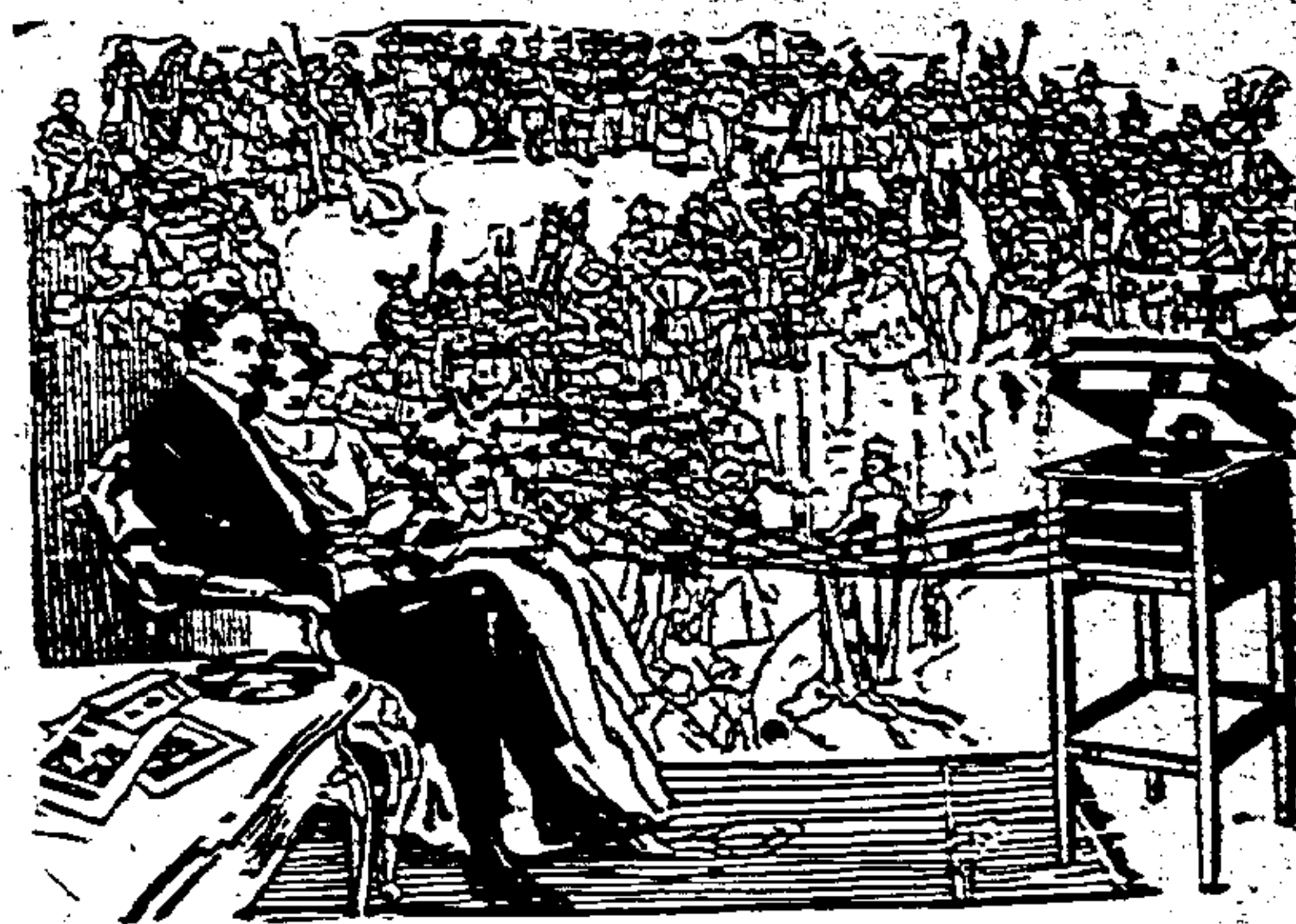


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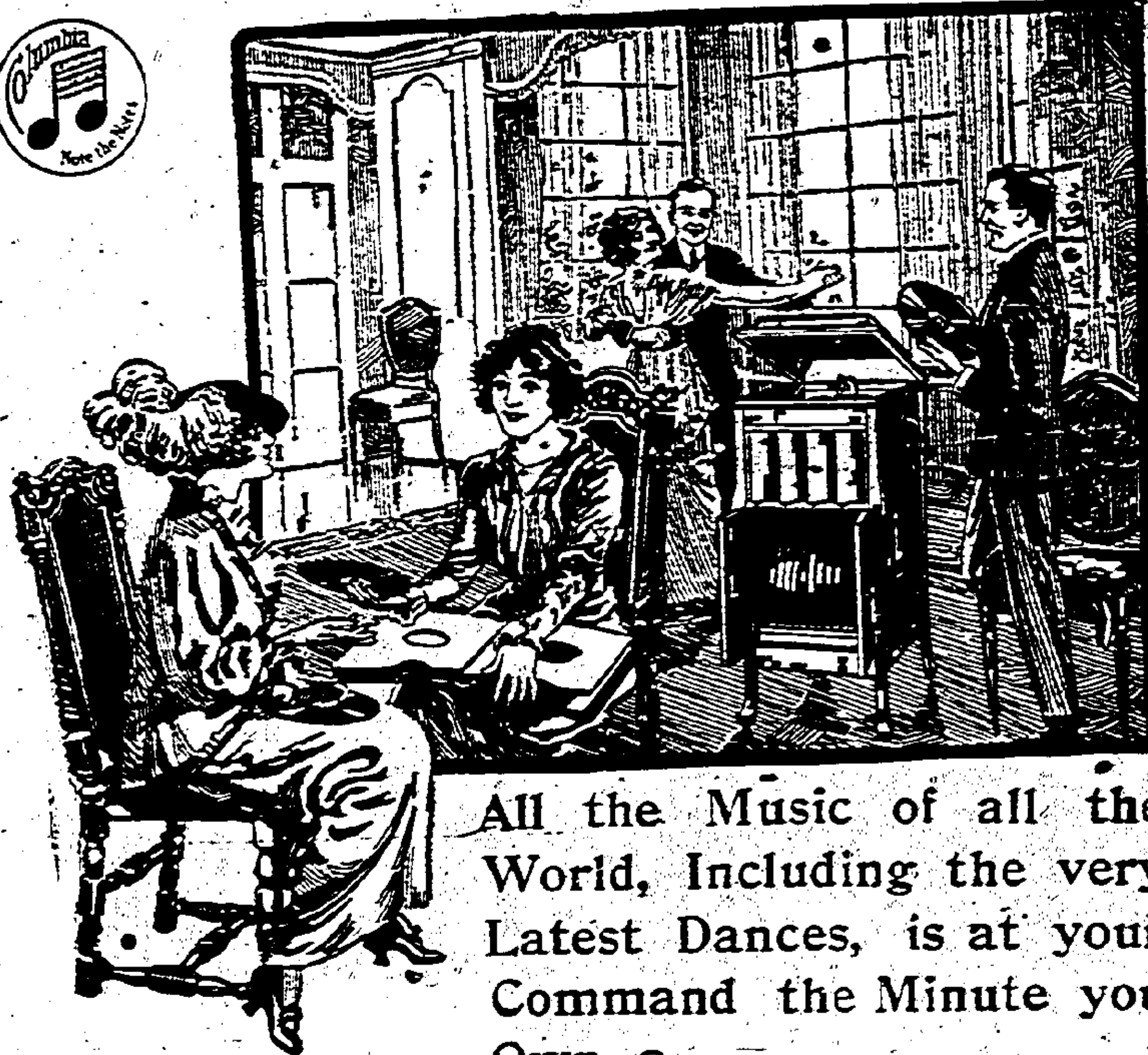


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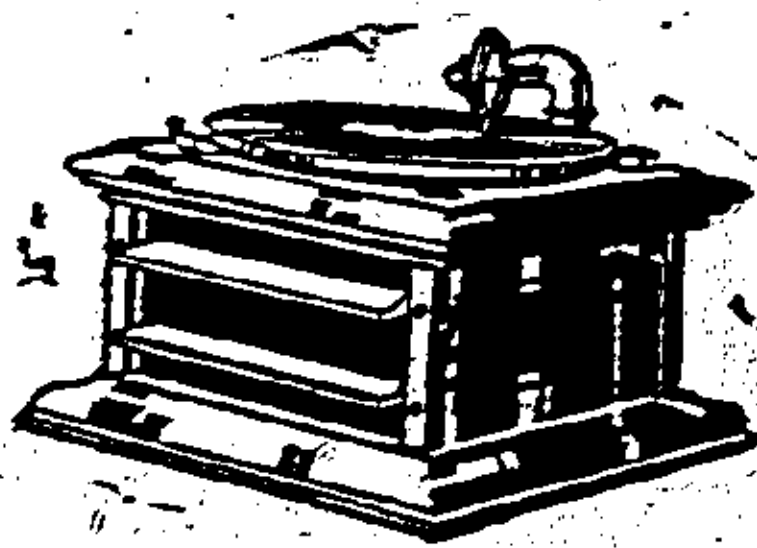
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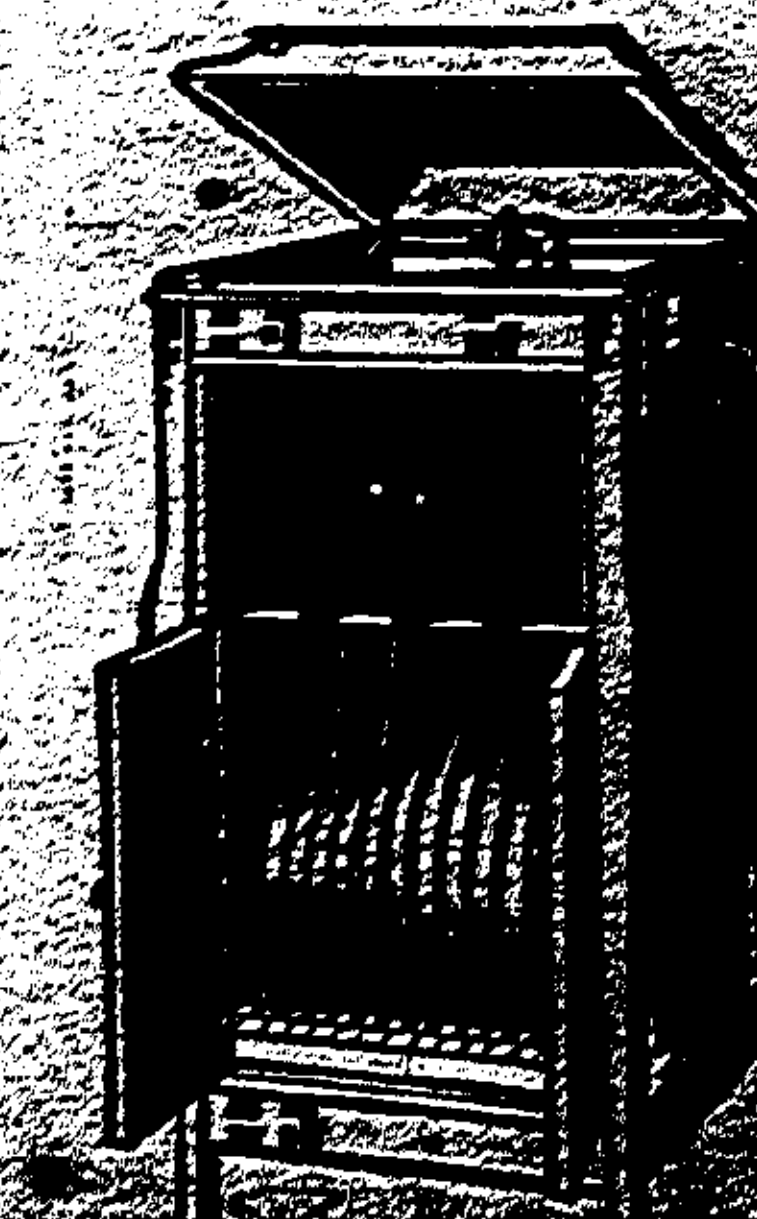
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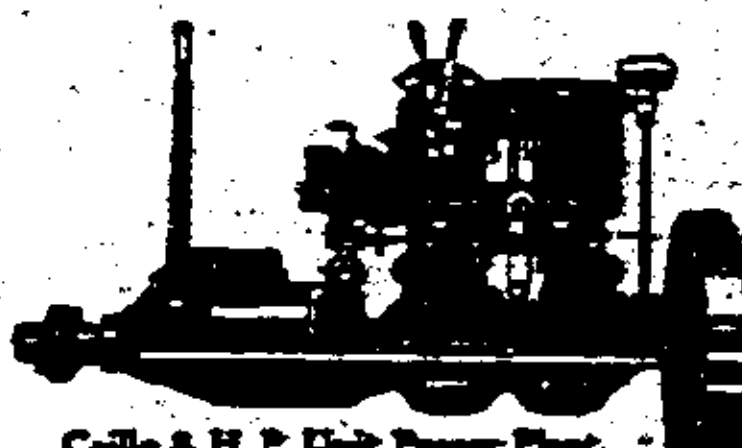
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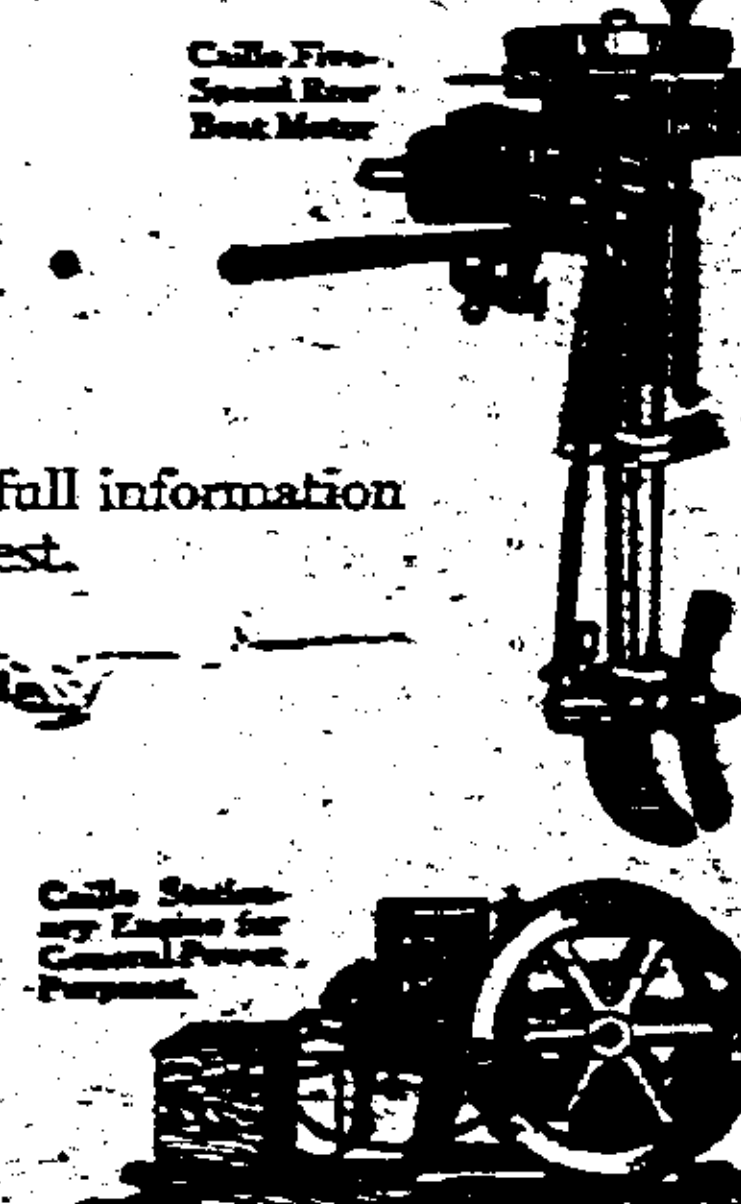
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San Francisco	China	G. M. S. S.	9, Feb.
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San Francisco	Tjikembang	J.C.J. L.	9, Apr.

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Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Hitchi M.	N. Y. K.	Feb.

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Haiphong	Kaifong	B. & S.	19, Dec.
Haiphong and Hoibow	Loksang	J. M. Co.	19, Dec.
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Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Colombo M.	N. Y. K.	25, Dec.
Manila	Yuenang	J. M. Co.	25, Dec.
Singapore, Calcutta etc.	Kaga M.	N. Y. K.	25, Dec.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Tenyo	N. Y. K.	25, Dec.
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Manila	Tjisondari	J.C.J. L.	28, Dec.
Shanghai	Tjikembang	J.C.J. L.	30, Dec.
Singapore via Amoy & Swatow	S. Jacob	J.C.J. L.	30, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Portos	P. Thomas	31, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Asuta M.	N. Y. K.	31, Dec.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yhamu	Nellors	N. Y. K.	1, Jan.
Singapore & Bombay	Penang M.	N. Y. K.	3, Jan.
Belawan Deli (Medan)	Van S.	J.C.J. L.	4, Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Hitchi M.	N. Y. K.	14, Jan.
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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The T. K. K. s. *ATYO MARU* will leave Hongkong on March 10, 1916. The T. K. K. s. *SEIYO MARU* will leave Hongkong on the 12th October at noon. This vessel will next leave Hongkong for San Francisco via usual ports of call on Tuesday the 28th Dec. at noon. The T. K. K. s. *TENYO MARU* will leave Hongkong on the 30th Nov. at noon. This steamer will next leave Hongkong on Tuesday the 15th February 1916 at noon.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The Oriental Africa Line steamer *SALAMIS* sailed from Singapore on the 14th inst. and is expected to arrive here on Monday the 20th inst. at 4 p.m.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. s. *EMERALD OF JAPAN* left Yokohama on Friday the 10th Dec. at 12 p.m. due to arrive Vancouver on the 22nd Dec. The C. P. R. s. *MOON EAGLE* arrived Moji on Thursday the 10th Dec. at 8 a.m. left Moji on Friday the 17th Dec. at 8 a.m. due to arrive Kobe on Friday the 17th Dec. at 11 p.m.

ENGLISH MAIL.

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VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers: Anna, Nov. 22, 1915, A. Amies, 10th Dec. — Yuenang, 6th Dec. — B. I. L. — L. Amies, Br. 22, 1915, F. Mooney, 9th Dec. — Kobe, 6th Dec. — Y. M. — Isten, Br. 22, 1915, G. L. B. 9th Dec. — Yokohama, 2nd Dec. — B. & S. — Shinkai, Br. 22, 1915, O. Tokumasa, 18th Dec. — Saigon, 7th Dec. — B. & S.

VESSELS DUE.

Agents.	Vessel's Name.	Tonnage.	Date Due.	From.
T. K. K.	Shinyo Maru	22,000	Dec. 20	San Francisco
B. I. L.	Salamis		Dec. 20	Singapore
S. T. & Co.	Glenlogan		Dec. 21	London
B. & S.	Hysan	6,638	Dec. 23	London
B. & S.	Prian	4,543	Dec. 24	Liverpool
J.C.J. L.	Tjikembang		Dec. 24	Java
N. Y. K.	Kaga Maru	12,060	Dec. 24	Yokohama
J.C.J. L.	Tjisondari		Dec. 25	Japan
N. Y. K.	Arakan Maru	16, 60	Dec. 27	London
N. Y. K.	Kashima Maru	21,000	Dec. 28	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nankin		Dec. 29	Yokohama
B. & S.	Helene	7,555	Dec. 31	London
S. T. & Co.	Kathlamet	4,104	1st Dec.	New York
P. & O.	Nellors		Jan. 1	London
N. Y. K.	Penang Maru	3,000	Jan. 1	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Sado Maru	5,277	Jan. 2	Yokohama
P. & O.	Kashmir		Jan. 4	Yokohama
B. & S.	Knight Companion	7,433	Jan. 7	London
J.C.J. L.	Arakan		Jan. 7	Java
G. L. & Co.	Eastern	3,586	Jan. 7	Australia
T. K. K.	Persia Maru	9,003	Jan. 9	San Francisco
P. & O.	Novara		Jan. 9	London
N. Y. K.	Hitchi Maru	6,557	Jan. 13	Australia
P. & O.	Novara		Jan. 13	Australia
N. Y. K.	Nikko Maru	9,600	Jan. 13	Yokohama
T. K. K.	Chiyo Maru	22,000	Jan. 15	San Francisco
P. & O.	Sardinia	5, 74	Jan. 15	London
B. & S.	Changsha	2,253	Jan. 16	Australia
N. Y. K.	Awa Maru	6,309	Jan. 16	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Shidmoka Maru		Jan. 16	Yokohama
P. & O.	Surma Maru	21,000	Jan. 25	Yokohama
P. & O.	Kashmir		Jan. 25	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nellors		Jan. 28	Yokohama
G. L. & Co.	Aldenham	3,808	Jan. 29	Australia
P. & O.	Namur	5,694	Jan. 29	London
P. & O.	Nore		Feb. 5	London
J.C.J. L.	Tjisondari		Feb. 7	Java
T. K. K.	Tenyo Maru	22,000	Feb. 7	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Asuta Maru		Feb. 9	Yokohama
P. & O.	Sardinia	5,574	Feb. 11	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nankin		Feb. 12	London
N. Y. K.	Aki Maru		Feb. 13	Seattle
P. & O.	Mongara		Feb. 14	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Tango Maru		Feb. 16	Australia
J.C.J. L.	Karimoon		Mar. 7	Java
J.C.J. L.	Tjikembang		Apr. 7	Java

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1915

GERMAN BOMB-PLOTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

SOME AMERICAN PRESS OPINIONS.

The most serious plot uncovered in this country since the war began, according to an unnamed "high Government official," quoted by the New York World, has thus far resulted in the arrest of Robert Fay, Walter Scholz, Paul Daeche, Herbert Kinsale, and Max Brunning on a charge of "conspiring against the United States" by planning to blow up ships carrying American munitions of war to the Allies, says the New York Literary Digest of November 8. Fay, who claims to be a Prussian lieutenant sent here on his mission of destruction by the German Secret Service, was arrested with Scholz in a wood near Grantwood, New Jersey, where they were experimenting with explosives. In their rooms on Fifth Street, Weehawken, detectives claim to have found documents connecting Fay with the German Army and the German Foreign Office; a United States Coast Survey map, showing New York Harbour, with all its docks and piers in detail; and four suit-cases containing diagrams, mechanism for bombs, and a quantity of high explosives. Then the other arrests followed, the prisoners being held for trial under bail of \$25,000 each. According to a signed statement made by Fay since his arrest, he received before leaving Germany his instructions and \$4,000 from Herr Jansen, of the German Secret Service. Other details of this interesting statement are thus summarized in the New York Times:

"Early last spring, according to Fay, Dr. Kinsale, then living in New York, wrote a letter to his father, Herbert Kinsale, who is head of the Black Forest Clock Company, of Schweningen, in Württemberg—the largest clock-making firm in the world. With his letter he enclosed a number of newspaper-clippings showing the sailing of various ships from American ports with munitions for the Allies, detailing manifests of their cargoes, and specifying various railroads engaged in the transport of munitions—particularly the New York Central and the New York, New Haven & Hartford. "Other clippings told how various firms, including the Allis-Chalmers Company, manufacturers of machinery, with plants at Chicago, Milwaukee, Saratoga, and West Allis, Wis., and the Brown-Sharpe Company, of Providence, had turned over their plants in great measure to the manufacture of munitions. "When the Secret Service asked the military authorities for a good man for a difficult piece of work Fay was selected, and went to see Jansen in a city in Germany which he refuses to name."

"Then this letter, which Dr. Kinsale had written to his father, was laid on a table before Fay by Jansen. Fay was told to read it and memorize the names—he was not allowed to touch the letter—and then to use this information to identify himself when he got to this country."

"Fay came to New York, and immediately upon arrival went to Dr. Kinsale and told him who he was and, apparently, something of his errand in this country. And to prove that he was what he represented himself to be, he repeated to Kinsale the content of newspaper-clippings included in the letter to Kinsale's father, and mentioned names of the New York Central and New Haven Companies, the Brown-Sharpe Company, the Allis-Chalmers Company, the Black Forest Clock Company, of Schweningen, in Württemberg—the largest clock-making firm in the world. With his letter he enclosed a number of newspaper-clippings showing the sailing of various ships from American ports with munitions for the Allies, detailing manifests of their cargoes, and specifying various railroads engaged in the transport of munitions—particularly the New York Central and the New York, New Haven & Hartford. "Other clippings told how various firms, including the Allis-Chalmers Company, manufacturers of machinery, with plants at Chicago, Milwaukee, Saratoga, and West Allis, Wis., and the Brown-Sharpe Company, of Providence, had turned over their plants in great measure to the manufacture of munitions. "When the Secret Service asked the military authorities for a good man for a difficult piece of work Fay was selected, and went to see Jansen in a city in Germany which he refuses to name."

Company, and several steamers which had sailed with cargoes of munitions. "In another column of The Times we find the suggestion that 'the heads of the conspiracy have not been reached, and that others, farther up the social and financial scale and nearer the headquarters of intrigue, will soon be taken'; and The Herald is convinced that 'the disclosures thus far only scratch the surface.' Mr. Fay, however, while amazingly frank in admitting his own part in the conspiracy, seeks to convince us that it involves no 'men higher up,' at least on this side of the water, and he specifically states that his plans were frowned upon by Captains Boy-Ed and von Papen, of the German Embassy, who advised him to make Canada the field of his operations. The New York Evening Sun, which finds his story more plausible than credible, thinks it unbelievable that these men were without financial backers in the United States. The purpose of Fay's 'confession' as this paper sees it, is 'to transfer the higher responsibility to persons in Germany, that is to say, to persons beyond the reach of American justice.' And glancing backward a few months, it adds: "German intrigues in this country, including the military attacks, were deep in schemes, last summer, to produce a German supply of explosive materials in the United States. At the time it was hard to see why they should want to make such materials here, whence they could not be exported to Germany."

Fay and his colleagues are said to have spent some \$30,000 on their experiments and preparations in the last six months, and other rumors credit them with the command of very large sums of money. "From whom did this financial backing come?" asked the Indianapolis News; and in the Boston Transcript we read: "These men had in their possession so great a quantity of high explosives, so much destructive apparatus, so large and elaborate an organization of murder, and so many written evidences of direction from some source above them that the supposition that they are mere amateurs or self-inspired conspirators is precluded. There seems to be a deliberate organization, apparently with its source of inspiration at the hotel in New York where the German Ambassador makes his headquarters, with a 'war-broker,' evidently American, for the destructive purchases, with an automobile to convey the experiments to lonely spots in the woods for the preparation of their engines of death, and clear young soldiers for the execution of the dangerous work."

"It is to be hoped that the case will be sifted to the very bottom. The American people move slowly in fathoming or suspecting an operation of this sort. They will demand proof of the existence and the nature of the conspiracy which is now alleged in New York. If these young men are proved to have had an official inspiration, the German Government will certainly be made answerable for so base an outrage, for so frightful an attempt against the business and the lives of Americans."

If the German Government sanctioned these activities, says the New York Herald, it means that Germany is now waging war within the United States. As the Washington Times

sees it, "it is a most flagrant violation of the neutrality of this country, one whose disavowal would indeed be difficult to accept, if it were conclusively shown that German officials had been carrying on these operations." If Fay's story is true, remarks the Brooklyn Eagle—

"It means that the German Government, through its representatives, is responsible for a conspiracy infinitely worse than any other feature of the pro-German campaign in this country. It is worse than the official subsidizing of an alien press to assail the Administration of Mr. Wilson. It is worse than the attempt to create a party in Congress whose platform was to be war upon American trade in the interest of a group of European belligerents. It is worse than the systematic slandering of American business men and capitalists which bore fruit last summer in the nearly successful effort of a scoundrel to murder Mr. Morgan."

And in the Pittsburg Gazette-Times we read:

"However distasteful to Germany the munition-business may be, and whatever the moralities involved in it, it is legal and permissible, and the German Government has no more right to interfere with it in United States territory than the United States would have to mix in with Germany's war-programme on the Continent."

"All of Germany's concessions in the matter of controversies growing out of her submarine attacks involving Americans, and her solemn protestations of friendship, would go for naught if it should turn out that this trio in New Jersey were acting authoritatively for the Berlin Government. In fact, such a development would render suspect the entire later correspondence with Germany and remove the favourable impression created by Ambassador Bernstorff's statements and assurances."

To a statement from the German Embassy in Washington that its attaches are frequently approached by "insanities" who want to sink ships or destroy buildings in which munitions are made, the New York World replies:

"If that is the case, why do not the gentlemen who have official standing in this country, and who are here to some extent upon honour, deliver these 'insanities' to the authorities?"

But whether the instigators of these illegal activities are German officials in Germany or German sympathizers in the United States, these efforts, many papers point out, are no less stupid than they are criminal. Thus in the New York Journal of Commerce we read:

"Nothing has done the cause of Germany in this war more harm in the estimation of the people of this country than these schemes, vainly designed to help the cause by committing crimes on its behalf. This applies to the destruction or the attempt to destroy works—at the risk of also destroying life—which are engaged in legitimate industry and trade, because the enemies of Germany may derive benefit from their operation. It applies to designs for sinking vessels at sea which leave the ports of this country, and thereby not only causing large loss of property, but the sacrifice of lives. That these are crimes nobody can deny. They are crimes by those guilty of them or in sympathy with their purpose, on the ground that the nation which they are designed to help is fighting for its existence and sacrificing for more of life and property in its defence than can be involved in these plots. If there were any real excuse in this kind of plot, it would not apply to one committed in a neutral country against its interests and in defiance of its laws and the authority of its Government."

"It must be evident to every one capable of clear moral vision that these acts are not merely wrong, not merely criminal, but that they are stupidly foolish, so far as promoting the ends at which they aim is concerned. Instead of doing honour to those engaged in them it consigns them to infamy. Instead of winning sympathy for the nation in behalf of which they are perpetrated, they breed antipathy. Instead of helping that nation in its struggle, they help its enemies."

Turning to the German-American press we find the New York Staats-Zeitung condemning the activities of the bomb-ploters and deploring the "undesired adventures" that follow in the train of a great war. And in the New York Deutsche Journal we encounter the theory that Fay is not a German at all, but an English agent provocateur. To quote:

"What judicious people have suspected from the beginning, namely, that the talkative 'Lieutenant Fay' was neither a German officer nor a member of the German Secret Service, but an English agent provocateur, is receiving more and more confirmation. Yesterday the suggestion had already been put forward that Fay was 'no German at all, but an Irishman in the pay of the British Secret Service whose business was to embroil as many prominent German-Americans as possible in his concocted plot and then to give them away at a suitable moment. On the English side this was expected to have a gigantic effect upon public opinion here and upon the position of the Administration. We can not escape the suspicion that Washington is anxious to forget the case as soon as possible, for no special counsel or attorney, or even special instructions, have been sent here to root up this 'German conspiracy.'"

THE STATE STYLE.

[When the industries of this country, in response to popular clamour, are taken over by the Government, we may expect a departmental favour in the correspondence of business. Something like this—

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge your esteemed favour of the 5th instant, inquiring the price at which this Department is prepared to furnish you at wholesale with a quarter-dozen of specified quality.

The contents of your communication have been duly noted, and in reply, I am directed to inform you that the matter will be subject to investigation, and that an answer will be returned to you in due course.

I have the honour to be, etc., The Secretary to the Assistant General Manager.

Rebuke to the Office Boy. The Office Manager presents his compliments to Mr. James Wilkins, and begs to inform him that his repeated absence from the Department on Wednesday afternoon can no longer be viewed with indifference. The Office Manager is reluctantly compelled to state Mr. Wilkins is now reduced in seniority to date 1st January, and that his prospects of person at the age of fifty are similarly postdated.

The Office Boy's Reply. Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of even date, in which you beg to inform me that my seniority is shipped off and I don't get no pension at the right time.

In reply, I have the honour to inform you that I think you are doing me an injustice, and I shall be reluctantly compelled to ventilate the matter in the House of Commons through the medium of my Member of Parliament.

I have the honour to remain Sir, etc., James Wilkins (O.B., 2nd Grade).

Answer to a Complaint.

Madam,—It is with great regret that this Department has received from you the communication in which you allege that a new-laid egg supplied to you on the 17th inst. was not up to the standard of freshness specified by the Act Geo. V., 1238, Cap. 15, and return therewith the egg in question.

In reply, I am to direct your attention to the first place to the fact that the egg reached us in a chipped condition, that is to say, not in the condition purchased, which would in any case invalidate your claim to compensation. In the second place, that the egg was plainly stamped "Laid Yesterday" at the Government poultry farm, which is in itself evidence of suitability for elementary consumption.

Nevertheless, this Department is prepared to submit the egg to the judgment of the Government Analyst, on payment by yourself of the prescribed fee, and I beg to enclose the account and request that a cheque for one guinea be forthcoming at your earliest convenience.

I have the honour to be, etc. (per ipso), The Assistant Quarter-Master-General.

Collection of a Debt.

Sir,—You are informed that your settlement of the monthly account for 11s. 2d. is now four days overdue. The statutory three days of grace having expired, you are notified that the matter has been placed in the hands of the Judiciary, and that a summons to appear before the court will reach you in due course.

You are further informed that any failure to pay the prescribed costs at the due date will result in the confiscation of your house and personal property.

I am, Sir, your obedient and humble servant, The Chief Accountant.

Postponing Payment by a Government Publisher.

Madam,—I have to acknowledge your communication of the 20th ultimo, in which you press for the payment of royalties account on your novel, "The First Flutterings of Love."

I am to point out to you that the Department is greatly overworked, and at this time of year, when many of the subordinate officials are on holiday, it is a matter of extreme inconvenience to refer to the ledger.

I am further to point out that your novel has not received Press notices of the nature expected, and has been a source of great dissatisfaction to this Department.

And finally, I am to convey to you that your favourable consideration of your future writings, particularly being placed in jeopardy by any hasty and ill-considered action on your part.

I have the honour to be, etc., The Assistant to the Department of Public Fiction.

Letter Motivating Promotion of a Typist. Madam,—Your request for promotion has reached us, and due weight has been attached to the fact that your paternal grandfather was second cousin to Lord Eigg and Bann. In addition, it is considered that your letter was couched in the tone correct and proper to your request.

I am therefore to notify you that you are hereby transferred to G.H.Q., with the rank of P.A.O.T., graded for purposes of pay as a Staff-Secretary, 3rd. Your kit allowance of £50 has been duly placed to your credit at Bux's Bank, and a fortnight's leave will be allowed you for the obtaining of the necessary attire.

I have the honour to be, etc. (per ipso), The Director of Promotion.

Circular Letter Endeavouring to Sell Government Cigars.

Sir (or Madam),—I am to call your attention to the three grades of cigar now marketed by this Department in conformity with an Order in Council, and to point out to you that they fulfil the conditions laid down by the Government's Advisers.

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THE KEYING.

A Hongkong Venture of 1845-7.

Who remembers the junk Keying? asks "T. E. E." in a most interesting article in the Journal of Commerce. She was the first Chinese vessel ever brought to Europe, as well as the first which had rounded the Cape of Good Hope. From the look of her you would think that she had been built by somebody who had more money than he knew what to do with, but, on the contrary, she was designed to (although she didn't) make an honest penny in the ordinary way. Alas, however, for the hopes of her enterprising proprietors, she was broken up on the beach at Rock Ferry, close to where the Great Eastern afterwards came to her end.

What was this curious ship like? She left Hongkong on December 6, 1845, in charge of a crew of twelve English and thirty Chinese, being also "a mandarin of high rank as passenger" on board. She had a terrific sand-off, but first, let us see what difficulties there were to be encountered before reaching Europe. She had been purchased in Canton in August, 1846, by a small syndicate of Englishmen, some of whom belonged to Liverpool, who undertook no end of trouble in getting possession of her on the shores of the native laws which, under penalty of death, prohibited the sale of Chinese vessels to foreigners. However, they dressed themselves in the latest cut, filled their ample pockets with pistols and made their way inland. After a lot of haggling and bartering, they made the purchase of the junk on the ground that they were "idle rich, unfortunately, anxious to kill about a gorgeous yacht for the benefit of their health." Under cover of various excuses they armed her with two or three 12-pounder guns, and luckily got on board before their trip began to look out, but when it did they had to fight their way in a style which was

only be called desperately heroic to the British port of Hongkong. John Kelsall was in command. He shipped the thirty Chinese, whose preference was all for English money over the native laws, and made everything ready, including a banquet which was patronised by Sir John Davis, the Governor, Admiral Sir Thomas Cochrane, the Commandant-in-Chief of the Fleet, and many leading residents, at the conclusion of which the junk fired her guns, and sixteen of her crew replied to the salute. Then off she went to sea.

The Keying had a burden of 300 tons. She was 100 feet long, with an extreme breadth of 33 feet, and a depth of hold of 18 feet. She was built of teak and contrary to the European plan; her planks were pinned together prior to the introduction of the ribs. She had three masts made of ironwood, the mainmast being an immense pole 90 feet long and of the girth of 18 feet—just try and imagine this—at its junction with the deck! She had no square yards and no rigging whatever.

Her sails were made of stout matting, ribbed at intervals of three feet by strong barboos, and were hoisted to the mast by a single rope of immense size formed of plaited rattan. The mainsail was an affair of gigantic dimensions, weighing some tons and it took the entire crew two hours to hoist it!

She carried three iron masts, the cables attached to them being also formed of rattan. Her rudder was of truly singular construction. It was supported by two large ropes, two others being passed from its lower end, completely under the bottom of the ship, and secured at either side of the bow! The rudder weighed seven tons, and it could be hoisted at pleasure by means of two windlasses fixed on the rope!

The Keying had an immense salutation; both at her bow and stern, the former rising above the water's edge nearly 30 feet and the latter over 40 feet. Each bow was decorated with a great solemn staring eye which, in accordance with Chinese superstition, enabled the ship to see her way across the ocean! The interior was alarmingly painted after the most approved fashion of the Celestial Empire, and indeed the fittings and decorations were in every respect entirely different from the shipping of any other nation.

Thus equipped, however, the intrepid Captain Kelsall set forth and after a tolerably favourable passage the Keying rounded the Cape of Good Hope on March 27, 1847, off which, by the way, she had experienced a severe hurricane, during which, as one of her own crew, she told with all other accounts, she went through an excellent sea-battle with powers of weathering a storm equal if not superior to vessels of British build. She reached St. Helena on April 24, and there she was visited by the Governor, the Commander of the Station and nearly every person on the island.

On quitting St. Helena, bound for London, she was carried by adverse winds and currents far out of her course, in the direction of America, so that she was water running short, and the crew becoming dispirited and mutinous, at the length of the voyage. The commander, indeed, for New York, where she duly arrived, and was visited by nearly 3,000 persons daily. She then went to Boston, and had the same experience there before leaving for Europe. Eventually, she sailed from Boston to Jersey, O.I. in 21 days, which was equal to the speed of most of the best clipper ships of the time. From Jersey it was a simple matter, so to speak, to get to London, where she arrived on June 1st, 1847, when she was met by the Duke of Wellington, the Duke of Devonshire, the Duke of

AMERICAN SEAMEN'S LAW.

The Case of the Pacific Mail.

Senator La Follette denied to-night (says a Madison, Wis., dispatch) of October 17th, to the *New York World* that the Pacific Ocean trade being largely in control of the Japanese and the failure of the Graham and Morton Company operating on Lake Michigan were caused by the Seamen's Law. He said United States vessels never had much trade on the Pacific Ocean, and Robert Dollar's company had begun to change the equipment of its ships for economy before the law was suggested.

"The evidence so far presented does not prove the act is responsible for retarding the development of American shipping," the Senator continued. The Seamen's Law prescribes only reasonable regulations for the safety of persons carried by the shipping companies.

"Persons opposed to the law have been eager from the time it was first suggested to seize on any pretext to discredit it. They have been carrying on a campaign to have it modified or repealed and seem to be determined to accomplish their purpose."

"It is not a good law Congress can be relied on to repeal it. I believe it is a wise law, and instead of being modified or repealed it should be strengthened as much as possible. Public sentiment, I believe, is strongly in favour of the retention of the law."

Redfield Assails Pacific Mail Co. Secretary of Commerce Redfield in a letter to Secretary McAdoo of the Treasury, denies the allegation of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company that its recent sale of five of its ships to the Atlantic Transport Line was forced by the Seamen's Law.

According to Mr. Redfield, he personally suggested to Vice-President R.P. Schwerin of the Pacific Mail only last July how the company might minimize any possible effect of the new law by changing the fuel from coal to oil, thereby getting more space for freight and cutting down the crew by three-fourths, and by engaging stewards that could speak English.

He also suggested to Mr. Schwerin, he adds, that the company ought at least to give the law a fair trial instead of quitting without waiting to ask how the Department of Commerce intended to enforce the statute.

Secretary Redfield charges that the Pacific Mail was heavily over-capitalized, its balance sheet on April 30th, 1915, showing an alleged deficit of more than \$1,900,000 in the profit and loss account. He adds:

"It would appear to be possible that the company, after doing business for sixteen years without a dividend, found existing conditions gave them an opportunity of selling out a portion of their property at a price which would return them the full valuation of that property upon the company's books, plus at least \$1,000,000."

"Certainly it is a singular thing that the company's stock, which on March 17th last, at the close of the best fiscal year the company has had for ten years, sold at 18, should on August 3rd, 1915, ten months after the Seamen's Law had been enacted, and after the company's negotiations for selling its vessels were well forward, have sold for 38."

Mr. Redfield asserted that vessels under the American flag will continue to trade on the Pacific.

Mr. Julius Kruttschnitt, President of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, retorted that only to the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Commerce and Senator La Follette that the company had taken an unpatriotic course in selling its ships and leaving the trans-Pacific trade to the Japanese. He said in part:

"Ever since the destructive effect upon American shipping, especially on the Pacific Ocean, of the La Follette-Seamen's Bill has become manifest those likely to be held responsible for that ill-considered legislation have been very busy against the victims of the law. Senator La Follette has moved by the discontinuance of the Pacific Mail and Dollar Lines to exclaim for publication: 'This country is being made the victim of a vicious and menacing conspiracy. The shipping

interest is putting forth every resource known to unscrupulous business to discredit the Seamen's Law."

"At times the action of the steamship lines in withdrawing from a business which they could not profitably continue under the terms of the law is charged to be unpatriotic or to evidence a selfish disregard of the interests of the public, or again as displaying a reprehensible want of confidence in the ability and willingness of those charged with the enforcement of the law to construct away its bad features."

"They are blamed for not appealing from Congress to the Secretary of Commerce or for not continuing a losing business in the hope that some future Congress might listen to the protests which were disregarded by the Congress which passed the La Follette bill, and repeal the law."

Warnings from Lines.

"That the inevitable consequences of the passage of the Seamen's Bill would be the forced discontinuance of its steamships on the Pacific was vainly pointed out by the representatives of the Pacific Mail, with all the earnestness and emphasis at their command, to Congressional committees at numerous hearings in the eleven years that intervened between the date of the first introduction of the bill and its final passage."

"Finally the head of the Pacific Mail, on July 14th, 1914, as a last resort, wrote a formal letter to the same effect to the President of the United States. It was shown at that time that the inability of the Pacific Mail to operate under the restrictions of the Seamen's Bill was not based on a rough estimate of the increased expenses, but was accurately ascertained by an analysis of the pay rolls and other expenses of operation which would be affected by the provisions of the bill. And these circumstances, warnings and notices were treated as a bluff, and now are regarded as never having been made. The claim of surprise at the effects of the Seamen's Bill is absurd."

"Again we have it that the Secretary of the Treasury has been told that the Seamen's Bill was not the cause of the withdrawal of the Pacific Mail's boats, but that the real cause was the high price of ships brought about by the war. But long before the war was dreamed of the officers of the Pacific Mail had declared and demonstrated by facts and figures before Congressional committees that the passage of the act would necessitate the withdrawal of its steamships on the Pacific."

"The same reasons which increased the value of ships would have made the Pacific Mail unwilling to part with its vessels and abandon a business which it had been engaged in for years if the intolerable restrictions of the La Follette bill had not deprived it of any choice in the matter."

Ask McAdoo to Explain.

"The Secretary of the Treasury intimates that the provisions of the Panama Canal Act, forbidding railway-owned ships from going through the canal, was a contributing cause. It is up to him to explain what possible connection there can be between the Panama Canal Act and a sale out of ships engaged in the trans-Pacific trade but of a separate fleet always engaged in the trans-Pacific trade."

"Those affected by the discontinuance of the trans-Pacific steamships of the Pacific Mail are its stockholders on the one hand, shippers and the public generally on the other. The stockholders of the Pacific Mail, including a large number of minority stockholders, for the Southern Pacific owns but little more than a majority of the shares, have unanimously concurred in the conclusion of its managing officers that the requirements of the Seamen's Bill left the company no alternative than to withdraw its ships from the Pacific Ocean, and this concurrence was given before the sale subsequently made had been completed."

"It remains to be seen whether the other parties interested, the shippers and the public generally, can be persuaded to pass by the obvious cause and ascribe the disappearance of American ships and the monopoly of the Japanese on the Pacific Ocean to the stupidity of the owners of American ships or to a self-destructing conspiracy formed by them for the purpose of discrediting the act known as the Seamen's Bill."

THE MONARCHICAL MOVEMENT.

What is to be Emperor, the Dis-Cast.

Peking, Dec. 11.—This State Council this morning prepared and submitted a memorial to the President urging the inauguration of a constitutional monarchy with Yuan Shih-kai as Emperor.

The President refused to accept the memorial and returned it to the Council which will hold a further meeting to-day when probably a second memorial will be sent to the President.

Peking, Dec. 12.—A second meeting of the Council of State held yesterday afternoon considered the President's refusal to be Emperor and decided to forward a second memorial.

It is reported that the President's opposition to the first memorial has been overcome and that he has agreed in how to the will of the people, though he has emphasized that no change is possible at the present time, that much preparatory work has to be done and that it is therefore necessary for all Ministers to occupy themselves with a view to averting difficulties.

Telegrams have been sent to all the provincial Governors to notify the people that the President has accepted the popular will, to urge them to continue their business and to refrain from giving ear to bad characters whose only desire is to threaten the national independence.

The President issued a Mandate yesterday evening dealing with the first memorial from the Lifan Yuan in which he points out that it is impossible for him to break the oath which he took at the time of the inauguration of the Republic and thus discard the principles of morality and sincerity. On their second visit the memorialists argued that the whole nation had been keenly alive during the past three years to the necessity of a constitutional monarchy and as he was the only person with the capacity to take the throne at the present time he would be sacrificing the country if he refused.

The newspapers to-day are printed in red ink in celebration of the final decision. The populace of Peking expresses great relief at the removal of uncertainty and expects that the whole country will now settle down to business, though it is admitted that anarchists are likely to attempt to create disturbances. The Government, however, is confident of being able to deal immediately with efforts to cause trouble.

The Mandate.

The Mandate referred to above is to the following effect:—I have received a despatch from the Lifan Yuan, enclosing documents nominating me to the Throne. I find that, as stipulated in the Provisional Constitution, the sovereignty of the Republic is vested in the whole body of its citizens, and that since it has been decided by the representatives of the citizens to adopt the form of a constitutional monarchy, I, the President, can have no ground to discuss the subject. But with regard to my nomination, I am overcome with mortification and surprise. Heaven's will is unalterable, and those monarchs for whom Heaven's will is unalterable, always favouring one who has rendered conspicuous services and who is endowed with exemplary virtues. Only such a person can fill this exalted position; while with regard to myself, I have been a politician for well-nigh thirty years, during which period, changes and turmoil have repeatedly occurred, and no special achievement could be credited to me. Since the creation of the Republic, four years have passed away, a period noted by the magnitude of difficulties and disturbances, and the number of my faults and blunders. I have not been successful in establishing an ideal government.

At the time when I lived in retirement on the bank of the Yangtze river, I had no worldly ambition. I was compelled to emerge from my retirement by the desire of the nation at a time of turmoil, being determined to sacrifice myself for the salvation of the country. During the winter of 1911, I filled a high position in the Government with a view to benefiting the policy of the country or relieving the distress of the people. It is always with a feeling of intense shame and remorse that I think of my late monarchic dream. I feel at ease if I occupy a position of principle and morality; I can't help feeling ashamed of it.

To attain a peaceful state in ruling a nation it is first essential to keep faith. At the inauguration of the Republic, I, the President, made an oath at the Lifan Yuan (Parliament) that I would do my utmost to develop republicanism. Should I now become Emperor, I should be guilty of disregarding my oath. On the ground of morality and righteousness, therefore, I cannot even consider myself.

When I formally assumed the Presidential Office, I again declared that my attitude and only desire was to save the country and the people without excluding anyone. I am conscious of my own deficiencies and am considering that the nation would involve a sweeping disregard of principle and morality and of truthfulness and righteousness, which are great things that cannot be ignored. I hope the representatives of the citizens who really love me will not force me to accept this difficult part, and I hope they will, at their next meeting, reconsider this matter carefully and conscientiously and nominate another man in my stead for the consolidation of the nation, while I, the President, continue to carry out my various duties in order to prepare the present condition of the whole country under the title and authority I now hold, during this period of their deliberation. —N.C. Daily News.

VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Officers and Members.

Parade for Sunday, 13th inst. 9.30 a.m. Muster at King's Park Range at 10.15 a.m. Over-Order No. 4 dated 12.12.15. 2.30 p.m. Balclutha Section and Scouts Company, as detailed in Corps Order No. 1 dated 15.12.15, four companies will be present.

Parade for Monday, 20th inst. 7.00 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Members of Signalling Section and other Signallers, as detailed in Signalling Section Order dated 8.12.15. Sumphers and Lamp practice at Hradgaters. Reminders, etc.

Gen. Club Hill, Kowloon. On duty on Monday, 20th inst. No. 1 Sec. Ar. Buty & Left Sec. M. G. Co.

Officer on duty, West Point. On duty on Monday, 20th inst. No. 2 Sec. Ar. Buty & Left Sec. M. G. Co.

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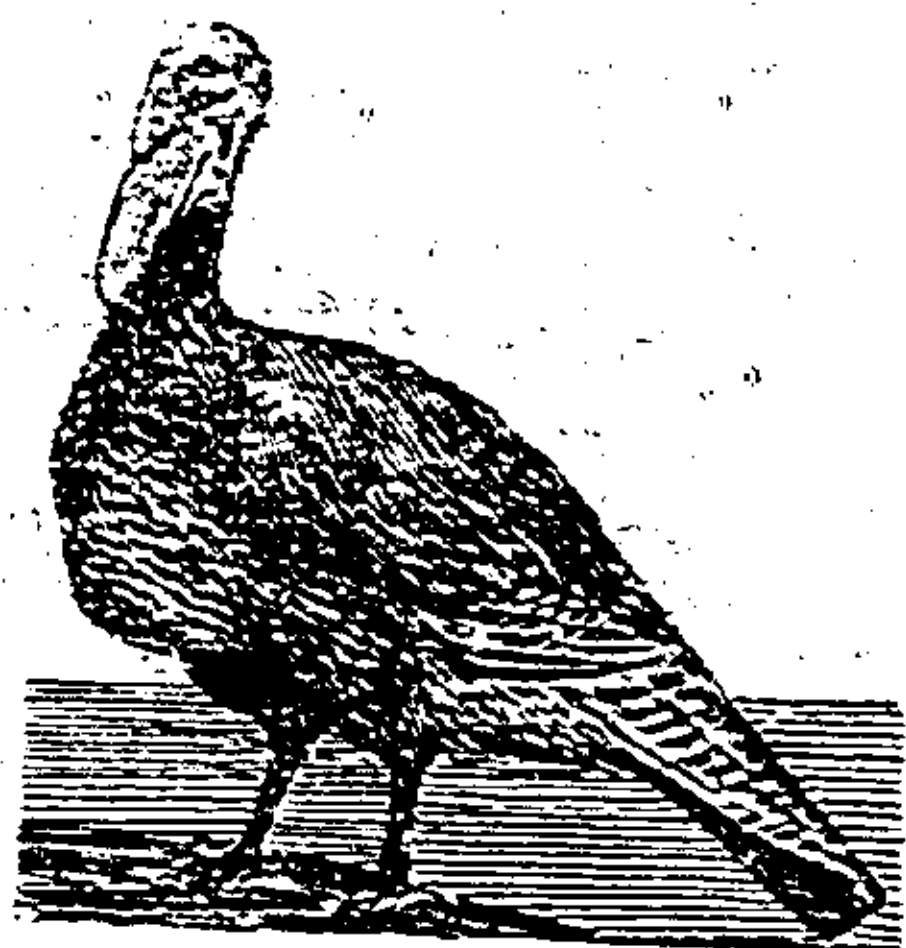
CHURCH SERVICES.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

Holy Communion, at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. 5th Sunday in Advent. December 13, 1915. Morning Prayer, 10.15 a.m. Hymns: 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

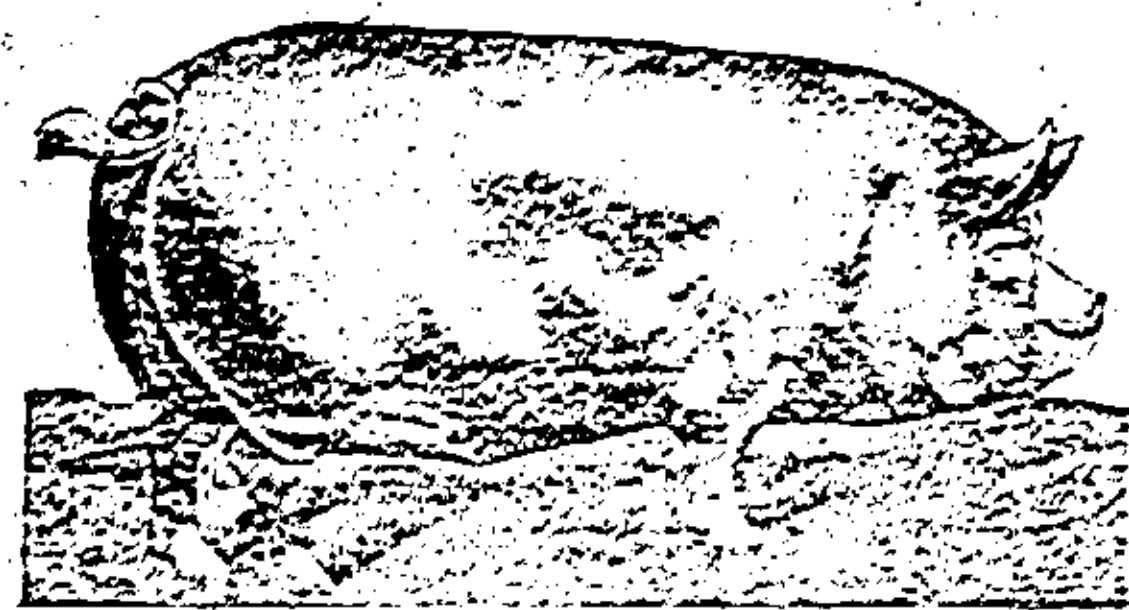
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SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

STOCK.	To-day's Closing Price	Number of Shares	Par Value Up	1914 Highest	1914 Lowest	1915 Highest 14th May to now	1915 Lowest 14th May to now	Last Dividend and Date	
Banks.									
H'kong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	\$800 273/10	120,000	\$125	all	835	July	700	Oct. 1915 ex div. 790 a. div. { \$2 3/4 at 1/9 5/16 equal to \$24.21 for 1/2 year 30/6/15 }	
Marine Insurance Co. Ltd.	10,000	250	50	350	Dec.	305	Oct.	255	380 { Final of \$4 a/c 1913. Interim of \$18 a/c 1914. }
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	10,000	215	95	145	May	133	Jan.	175	160 { Final of 12 1/2 p.c. making 25 p.c. for 1914. }
North China Ins. Co. Ltd.	12,400	250	100	84 1/2	April	700	Oct.	340	385 { Final of \$20 and bonus of \$5 making \$25 for 1913 and Interim of \$30 for 1914. }
Union Ins. Society of China, Ltd.	12,600	100	60	210	April	192 1/2	Jan.	370	295 { Final of \$15 mak. \$18 for 1913 & Int. of \$3 for 1914. }
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	20,000	100	20	180	July	140	Oct.	162	138 { 90 for 1913 }
Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.	8,000	360	30	335	Feb.	368	April	420	385 { 337 for 1913 }
H'kong Fire Ins. Co. Ltd.									
Shipping.									
Douglas Steamship Co. Ltd.	20,000	350	all	35	Mar.	27 1/2	Nov.	94	45 { \$4 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15 }
Hongkong & S.M.S.S. Co. Ltd.	80,000	115	all	29 1/2	Jan.	22	Dec.	26	19 { Final of 40 cts. making 90 cts. for year ending 31.12.14 }
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. (Combined)	60,000	25	all	79	Jan.	50	Sept.	159	96 { 6 p.c. on p.a. & 3 p.c. on a. for year 1914 a/c ended 31.12.14. Div. of 5 p.c. on the combined a/c. in London 23.12.15 quoted ex div. in H.K. 11.2.16. }
Navigation Co. (Deferred)	60,000	25	all	79	Jan.	50	Sept.	159	96 { Final of 5/- (Coupon No. 24) making 7/- for 1914 }
Navigation Co. (Preferred)	60,000	25	all	79	Jan.	50	Sept.	159	96 { \$1.50 per share and bonus of 40 cents per share for year ending 30.4.15 }
Shell Transport & Trading Co. Ltd.	3,797,510	51	all	106 1/2	Feb.	70 1/2	Sept.	90 1/2	82 1/2 { \$1.50 per share and bonus of 40 cents per share for year ending 30.4.15 }
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	40,000	10	all	49	Mar.	40	Nov.	39	32 { }
Refineries.									
China S. Refining Co. Ltd.	10,000	100	all	96 1/2	Feb.	70	Nov.	134	111 { \$6 for 1912 }
Luzon S. Refining Co. Ltd.	7,000	100	all	31	Jan.	17	Dec.	46	27 1/2 { \$3 for 1907 }
Mining.									
Kailan Mining Administration Co.	1,000,000	51	all	4 1/2	Feb.	53 1/2	Dec.	38 1/2	34 1/2 { Interim of 1/- account year ending 30.6.15 (Coupon No. 5.) }
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co. Ltd.	200,000	51	all	3 1/2	Jan.	190	Nov.	4	3 1/2 { 1/2 for 1909 }
Tronoh Mines Ltd.	160,000	51	all	39 1/2	Feb.	21 1/2	Nov.	32 1/2	41 { 25 1/2 b. l. interim a/c 1915 paid 12.7.15 }
Ural Caspian	796,000	51	all	56 1/2	Feb.	21 1/2	Nov.	32 1/2	41 { 37 1/2 1/- interim 1915 }
Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c.									
H'kong & R.W. & G. Co. Ltd.	50,000	250	all	89	Jan.	73	Nov.	11 1/2	68 { \$3.50 for year 1914 }
H'kong & W. & G. Co. Ltd.	50,000	250	all	77	Jan.	53	Oct.	63 1/2	57 { \$3 dividend for year 1914 }
Shai Dock & Eng. Co. Ltd.	55,700	100	all	60	July	50	Dec.	59 1/2	49 ex div. { Tls. 3 for year ending 30.4.15 }
Shai & H'kew W. Co. Ltd.	35,000	100	all	109	Jan.	82 1/2	Dec.	93 1/2	80 { Tls. 5 for 1914 }
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.									
Anglo French Lands	15,000	100	all	128	July	120	Dec.	116	112 { Tls. 6 1/2 for year ending 30.2.14 }
H'kong Hotel Co. Ltd.	20,000	50	all	117 1/2	July	98	Nov.	111 1/2	108 { \$2.50 for half year ending 30.6.15 }
H'kong Land Investment Co. Ltd.	50,000	100	all	117 1/2	July	98	Nov.	111 1/2	108 { \$3 for year ending 30.6.15 }
H'phreys Estate & F. Co. Ltd.	100,000	10	all	9 1/2	Jan.	7	Nov.	7 1/2	6.10 { 45 cents for year 1914 }
K'loon Land & Building Co. Ltd.	100,000	10	all	45 1/2	Jan.	44	Feb.	40	40 { \$3 for 1914 }
Shanghai Lands	70,000	150	all	98	Dec.	89	Oct.	106	101 { Dividend of 6 p.c. for 1/2 year ending 30.6.15 }
West Point Building Co. Ltd.	12,500	50	all	73	June	66	Feb.	103	70 { \$2 for half year ending 30.6.15 }
H'kong Central Estates	10,000	100	all	73	June	66	Feb.	103	180 { \$4.09 for 7 months ending 31.12.14 }
Cotton Mills.									
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co. Ltd.	20,000	150	all	138	July	125	May	134	142 { Tls. 16 for year ending 31.10.15 }
K'ung Yik	75,000	10	all	142	Jan.	11	Mar.	17	133 1/2 { Tls. 1.20 for year ending 30.11.14 }
Laon Kung Mow	8,000	100	all	110	Feb.	70	May	89	80 { Tls. 12 for 1913 }
Shanghai Cottons	40,000	150	all	135	Feb.	70	Nov.	185	90 { Dividend of Tls. 1 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15 }
Miscellaneous.									
China Borneo Company Ltd.	10,000	10	all	12	May	10	Dec.	10	10 { 25 cents for 1914 }
China Light & Power Co. Ltd.	50,000	45	all	4.50	July	4	April	4 1/4	4 1/4 { 6% for year ending 28.2.06 }
Do. (Spec. shares)	50,000	45	all	9	Jan.	7	Nov.	10.10	8.00 { 70 cts. for 1914 }
China Prov. L. & M. Co. Ltd.	25,000	10	all	39	June	35	Aug.	34	31 { \$1.25 for year ending 31.7.15 }
Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	40,000	10	all	6.50	Jan.	5	Dec.	11	6.70 { 50 cts. for 1914 }
Green Island Cement Co. Ltd.	40,000	10	all	49	Jan.	36	Nov.	45	39 { \$2.00 per share for 1914 }
Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd.	60,000	10	all	217 1/2	July	174	Dec.	198	184 { Interim of \$2 account 1915 }
Hongkong Ice Co. Ltd.	60,000	10	all	25	June	22	Apr.	46 1/2	25 { Interim of 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15 }
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co. Ltd.	60,000	10	all	13 1/2	July	7 1/2	Feb.	5.90	4.80 { \$10 % for 1914 }
Hongkong Tramway Co. Ltd.	325,000	5 1/2	all	64 1/2	Mar.	28	Dec.	42	36 1/2 { Interim of Tls. 1 making Tls. 2 a/c 1913 }
Langkate	250,000	2 1/2	all	10 1/2	Jan.	9 1/2	June	10	9 { 70 cts. on fully paid shares and 7 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.15 }
Peak Tramway Co. Ltd. (Old)	25,000	10	all	93	Jan.	75	Dec.	81	80 { None }
Do (New)	25,000	10	all	93	Jan.	75	Dec.	81	80 { \$1.50 for 1910 }
Philippines Ltd.	75,000	10	all	10	—	—	—	—	— { None }
H. Price & Co. Ltd.	12,000	50	all	500	June	4	Nov.	3 1/2	3.00 { 25 cts. for year ending 31.5.15 }
Societe des Pulpes et Papier	12,000	50	all	27 1/2	Feb.	17	Jan.	18	16 { \$1.00 per share for year ending 31.12.14 }
Union Laundry Co. Ltd.	27,723	10	all	82	April	6.90	Dec.	6.90	6 1/2 { 60 cts. for 1914 }
Union Water-boat Co. Ltd.	90,000	10	all	9 1/2	Jan.	6 1/2	Dec.	7	5 1/2 { 50 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new shares for year ending 30.6.14 }
Watson and Co. Ltd.	21,000	5	all	30	June	92	Dec.	28	26 { \$1.50 for 1914 }
William Powell, Limited.	6,000	25	all	—	—	—	—	—	— { }
S. C. Morning Post	6,000	25	all	—	—	—	—	—	— { }

LATEST RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

Anglo-Java Estates Ltd. Tls. 12.70 sellers.	Ayer Panas (Straits) \$6.80 buyers.	Kempas (Straits) \$4.40 buyers.	Sandycrofts (Straits) \$7.00 buyers.
Anglo-Dutch Tls. 6 sellers.	Balgownie (Straits) \$3 buyers.	Malaka Pindas (Straits) \$1.90 buyers.	Pajam (Straits) \$13.00 buyers.
Linggis 14/9 buyers 15/6 sellers.	Changkat Serdangs (Straits) \$6.75 buyers.	Malakoff (Straits) \$3.45 buyers.	New Serendah \$2.40 buyers.
Nordlands 13/6 buyers 18/9 sellers.			

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SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby, in their share report dated December 17, state:—
Our local market continues firm and closes with a good general enquiry, particularly for shipping shares and first-class investment securities.

Bar Silver is quoted at 25.15/16 per oz. for ready.
Exchange on London opened to-day at 1/10; T.T. on Shanghai 75 T.T. and 75 1/2 for 3d's bills.
Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks are weaker at the close with sellers at \$800.
Marine Insurance.—Cantons are wanted at \$425. North China have buyers in the North at Tls. 17 1/2. Unions are obtainable at \$910, and Yangtze at \$280 ex. 73.
Fire Insurance.—China Fires are steady at \$152 after sales. Hongkong Fires are offering at \$402; and probably a lower rate would be accepted.

Shipping.—Indo-China advanced to \$158 buyers early in the week, reacting later to \$156 and closing with buyers at \$157; a considerable business has been done at various intermediate rates cash and forward. Douglas's varied between \$93 and \$91 cash, closing with buyers at \$93 1/2 cash and equivalent rates forward. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are enquired for at the improved rate of \$90. Star Ferries are quiet at \$37 1/2.

Refineries.—China Sugars changed hands from \$123 to \$125 cash and equivalent rates forward, closing firm with buyers at \$125. Lardons were booked at \$36 1/2 and \$36 1/2 and continue in demand at \$36 1/2.

Mining.—Kailans are steady at 30 1/2. Ranks are wanted at \$3.35 after sales. Tronohs are wanted at 25 1/2.

Oils.—Shell Transports are unchanged and without business at 85 1/2. Ural Caspians are quoted 35/- sellers. Langkats have been a quiet market throughout the week and close with buyers at Tls. 35 1/2 cash.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Kowloon Wharves continue in demand at \$76 1/2 after sales at \$76 1/2 and \$77. Docks are in request at \$53 1/2. Shanghai Docks are quoted at Tls. 60 sellers and Hongkong Wharves at Tls. 98 sellers.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Central Estates have sellers at \$102, buyers offering \$100. Hongkong Hotels have been done at \$109. Hongkong Lands are quiet at \$103 1/2. Humphreys Estates have buyers at \$6 1/2 and sellers at \$7. Kowloon Lands can be placed at \$40. West Point have advanced to \$74 buyers.

Cotton Mills.—There have been sales of Ewo's at Tls. 160 and Tls. 153 for cash, closing firm at Tls. 162 ex. the div. of Tls. 16. Kung Yik are offering at Tls. 14 1/2. Shanghai Cottons have buyers at Tls. 86 1/2 and Yangtze at Tls. 86 1/2 nominal at Tls. 62.

Miscellaneous.—There are buyers of China Borneos at \$10 1/2. Green Island Cements at \$9.65 after sales at \$9 and \$9.89. Low Level Trams at \$5 1/2 and A. S. Watsons at \$6 1/2. There are sellers of China Light and Power at \$4.85. China Provident at \$9.80. Daily Farms at \$30. Hongkong Electric at \$44. Ropes at \$3 1/2. Union Waterboats at \$16 and Wm. Powells at \$5 1/2.

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30 d/s 1/11	T/T France 2.65
60 d/s 1/11 1/8	Demand Paris 2.66
4 m/s 1/11 3/16	On Haiphong 5.47 prem.
T/T Shanghai 75	On Saigon 5
Private 30 d/s sight	On Bangkok 81
T/T Singapore 81 1/4	Buying
T/T Japan 89 1/4	4 m/s L/C 1/11 5/8
T/T India 143	4 m/s D/P 1/11 3/4
Demand India 144 1/2	6 m/s L/C 1/11 7/8
T/T Bombay 144 1/2	30 d/s Sney & M. 1/11 7/8
Demand Bombay 144 1/2	30 d/s San Fco & N.Y. 46 1/4
T/T Calcutta 144 1/4	4 m/s Marks 2.65
Demand Calcutta 144 1/4	4 m/s France 2.65 1/2
Demand Manila 89 1/2 Nom.	6 m/s France 2.65 1/2
T/T San Fco & N.Y. 44 1/2	Gold Leaf per oz. \$59.80
Demand New York 44 7/8	Sovereign \$10.50 nom.
T/T Java 108 1/4	Bar Silver ready 25 15/16 forward

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Chinese 20 cts. pieces	17 7/8	Hongkong 20 cts. pieces	10 3/8
Chinese 10	14 1/2	Hongkong 10	10 1/4

BANKS

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION	HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION
HEAD OFFICE: 60, Wall Street, New York	Paid-up Capital \$15,000,000
LONDON OFFICE: 36, Bishopsgate, E.C.	RESERVE FUNDS: Sterling £15,000,000 at 2/-
BRANCHES: BOMBAY, LONDON, CALCUTTA, MANILA, CANTON, PANAMA, CEBU, PEKING, COLON, SAN FRANCISCO, HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, YOKOHAMA	Silver \$18,000,000
	Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$15,000,000
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EISHI ONO, Manager.

Hongkong, 21st October, 1915.

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Paid-up Capital £1,200,000
Reserve Fund £1,200,000
Proprietors £1,200,000

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			ORDINARY SPRING TIDES	LOW	SPRING	NEAP
KOWLOON						
No. 1 Dock, Kowloon	400	15' 10'	10' 10'	7' 6"	7' 6"	7' 6"
No. 2 Dock, Kowloon	275	7'	10' 6"	7' 6"	7' 6"	7' 6"
No. 3 Dock, Kowloon	275	4' 6"	10' 6"	7' 6"	7' 6"	7' 6"
Transit Slip, No. 1 Kowloon	400	15' 10'	10' 10'	7' 6"	7' 6"	7' 6"
Transit Slip, No. 2 Kowloon	400	15' 10'	10' 10'	7' 6"	7' 6"	7' 6"
WALKON-INSUI						
Compass Point Dock	400	15'	10'	7' 6"	7' 6"	7' 6"
AREKIDZEN						
East Dock	275	15'	10'	7' 6"	7' 6"	7' 6"
West Dock	275	15'	10'	7' 6"	7' 6"	7' 6"

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